

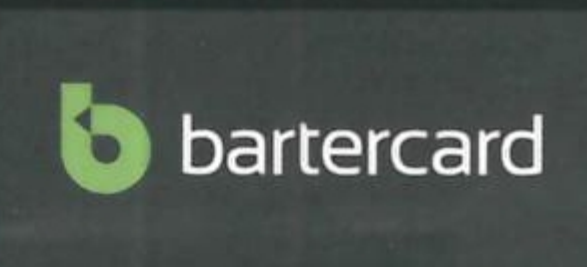
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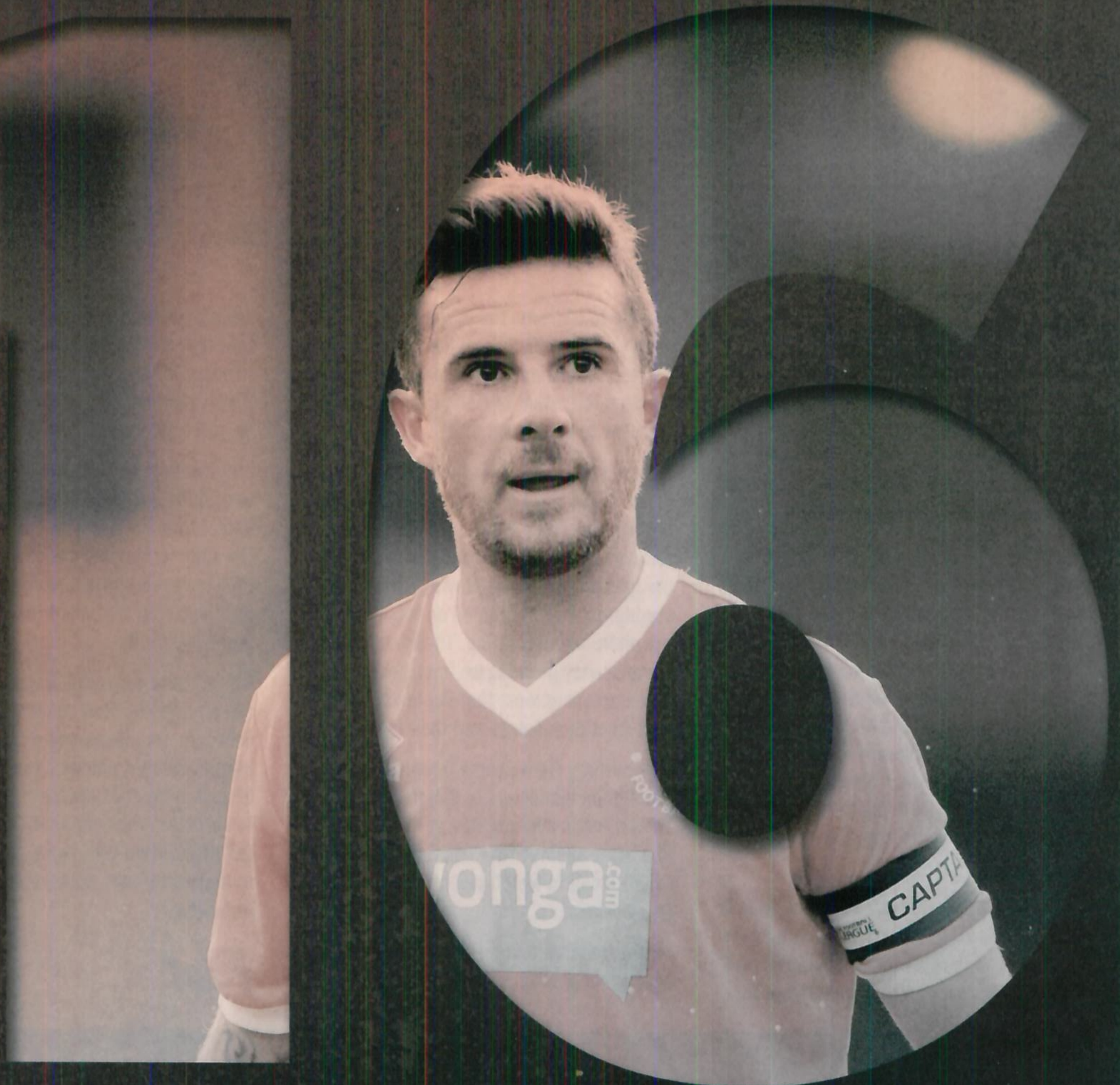
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PAUL INCE

THE MANAGER



The games are coming thick and fast at the moment as we look to keep building momentum. The draw at Huddersfield on Friday night was probably a fair result in the end, although we should have capitalised more in the first-half. We dominated possession early on and scored a fine goal courtesy of Ricardo Fuller.

Ricardo was fantastic and has done very well to play the games that he has so far. People forget that he hasn't really had a pre-season, and he tells me that there is more to come fitness-wise. He's not just a target man who links up play for the likes of Thomas and Stephen Dobbie, he's powerful and he can beat people with his skills. I don't see another striker in this league that does what he does and has the facets that he has. The lads adore him and he's fitted in from day one.

Having lost Isaiah Osbourne prior to kick-off on Friday and Barry Ferguson with an ankle injury, we had to reshuffle things a little bit in the middle of the park. Hopefully we'll

be able to welcome the former back this evening, given that we're now without Angel due to suspension. We're obviously awaiting news on the extent of Barry's injury but it's a big blow to be without him

I've said on many occasions that the skipper is like me in some ways because he expects nothing but 100 per cent. My team will always have the high standards that I was brought up with in my playing career. Those standards are maintained on the pitch, off the pitch and in training. There's no room for complacency because we have personalities in the dressing room that demand the very best from themselves and their team mates.

This evening we welcome Dougie Freedman and Bolton Wanderers to Bloomfield Road. The visitors come into this game on the back of a draw against Yeovil on Saturday, which I went along to watch given that we had a free weekend.

I think Bolton are in a false position, I've seen them play some good stuff on a few

DVDs and they're just not taking the chances that they should do. They've got some very talented players and when things come off they'll start moving up that table. This will be very a tough game for us.

Alex Baptiste is likely to line-up for the opposition and he's a great lad who's missed here. I tried hard to keep him at the club in the summer but we now move on. I'm sure the lads are looking forward to seeing him but there's no sentiment in football when the game kicks-off.

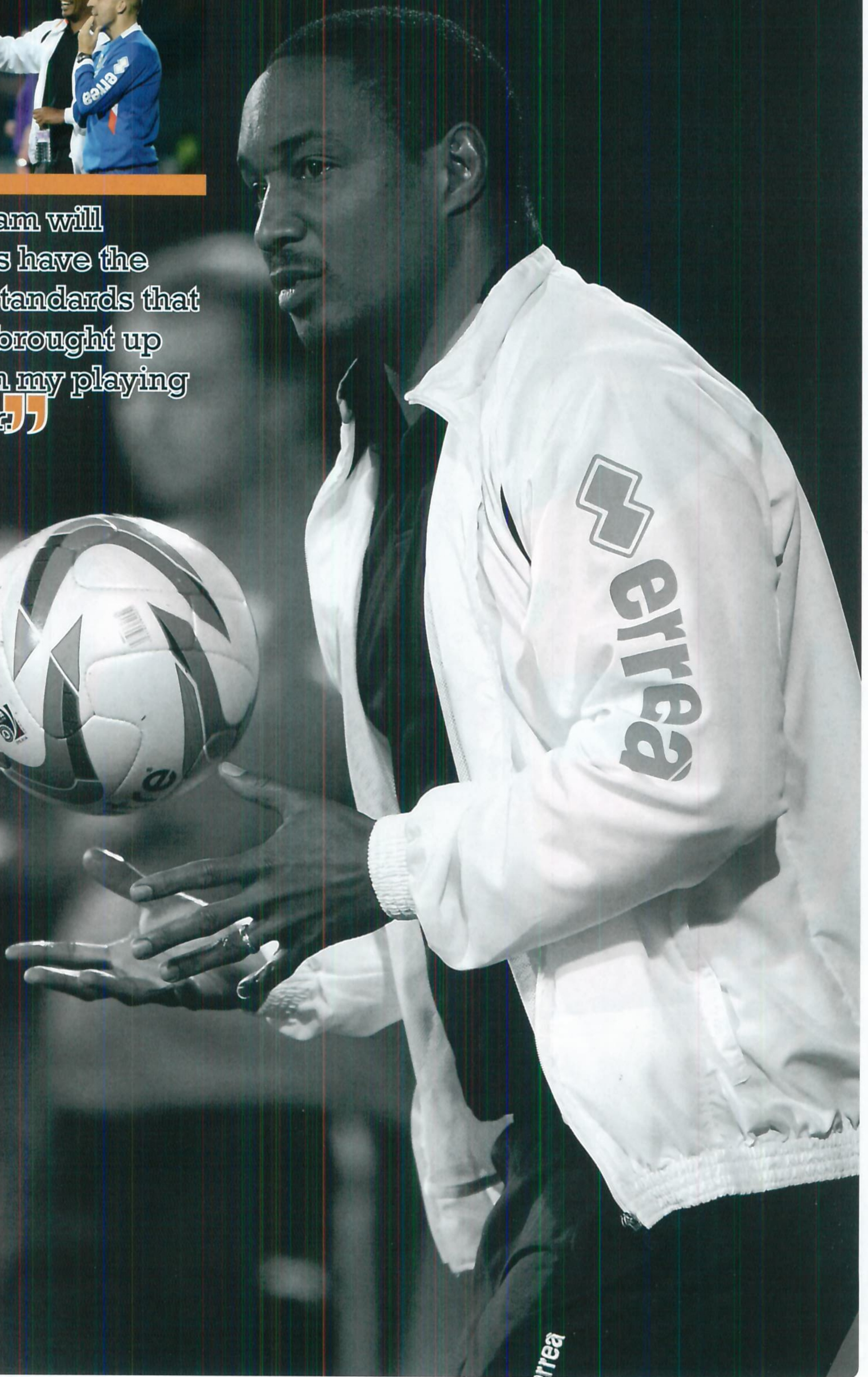
We've had a very good record at home since myself and Alex Rae came to the club in February. You have to give credit to the players for that and also the fans because of such a great atmosphere. If you're going to do well in this league then you've got to get points from your home games. We need to make sure that we keep doing the business.

Paul





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ANGEL'S DIARY...

Blackpool's favourite Spaniard Angel Martinez provides supporters with an exclusive Up The Pool update on his week.



Mon 23 September

We are back training after the match against Leicester on Saturday. We couldn't win the match after scoring first but we scored in the 90th minute for a point. Leicester were in the play-offs last season and even though we always want to win, I think this was a good point.

Tues 24 September

I have some friends here staying until Wednesday and I went into Blackpool to show them the town, the beach and the attractions. We went to Coral Island and I had a picture as the pirate. The weather was magnificent and I think they enjoyed Blackpool and hopefully they will come again.

Wed 25 September

Before training I go to the hospital with my girlfriend for her last baby scan. Everything was OK and we now wait for three weeks for the baby to arrive. I then go to training for a double session, I did some spinning and work in the gym before lunch. After lunch we did some more training and a yoga class. It was a long day but everybody felt good.

Thurs 26 September

Today we train at the stadium because the pitch is much better this season. We work on our tactics for the game against Huddersfield and find out the details for the bus and hotel.

Fri 27 September

We get the bus from the ground to the hotel and then go for the match at the stadium. The match is on Sky Sports so my family in Girona will get to watch it. My family and friends support Blackpool always.



MAKING AN

WORDS: STEWART HUDSON

BISHOP AIMS TO PROLONG BLACKPOOL STAY

A great example of what can be achieved with hard work and determination, Neal Bishop isn't prepared to let his Championship opportunity pass him by.

Two months in to a stint by the seaside, the 32-year-old has already displayed the characteristics that manager Paul Ince was already aware of from his time at Notts County.

An honest professional who gives nothing but 110 per cent, it's easy to see why the midfielder has fitted seamlessly into the Blackpool dressing room. He has faced every challenge in his career head-on and is relishing life at Bloomfield Road.



IMPRESSION

Currently on a short-term deal until January, Bishop is happy to let his football do the talking as he looks to prolong his stay at this level.

"It's been great. The lads have been very welcoming, not just to me but all of the new lads. The staff have been very accommodating and I'm now renting a place just down the road with my missus and my little boy. It's starting to feel like home but I'm going to keep my head down, keep working hard and try and earn myself a long-term contract. I hope I do because it's a great club and I love being here," he told *Up The Pool*.

Having been released by Middlesbrough at the age of 17, the former Gateshead, Scarborough and York City man has worked his way up the football pyramid. Now reaping the benefits, the midfielder believes his best football will come in the twilight of his career.

"I started at Middlesbrough as a kid but an unfortunate injury put paid to that so I left at 17. I was out in the real world so to speak and I went and got a job and played part-time. I worked my way up from the bottom really. I didn't think about getting back into it, even at 18, 19, 20-years-old I was still playing on a Saturday and with my mates on a Sunday for my local pub team just for enjoyment.

"I got the chance to step up in the Unibond Leagues and the Conference North, and it has been a strange, strange route to where I am. But I wouldn't change it for the world - it's probably helped me in a way getting into the game late. People peak at different ages, and I'm fitter now than I was when I was 21 or 22. It's an unconventional route but I think the best couple of years are still in front of me. That's what I'm aiming for."

Already an important player in numerous tactical roles, Bishop looks no further than the Blackpool captain for his inspiration to get the best out of his body.

"Barry Ferguson is a great example for me because he's a proper pro playing at 35-years-old. If I can emulate someone like him - obviously not to get the heights that he has but to play at this level for another



"It seems to be a great match at the minute but I'm not taking anything for granted.."

two or three years - then that would be my aim now I've got here."

Having noticed a number of differences from his step-up to The Championship from League One, the midfielder has met the demands in a typically robust way.

"We train for two to three hours a day and the lads are in morning and afternoon doing extra bits. It's a competitive league so you've got to make sure that you're right physically. The tempo of training is like a match to be honest, it's full on and it's right. That's probably the biggest difference, if you come in every day and take your foot off the gas for even a minute or two then you get found out. Like I say, you've got to be full-on all the time here. This is a step up that requires that extra five or 10 per cent more, which I'm happy to give.

"It seems to be a great match at the minute but I'm not taking anything for granted because the way things stand I'm out of contract in January. I've got to keep my head down and prove that I deserve to be here longer," he added.

Knowing his story so far, you wouldn't expect anything different.



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BLACKPOOL'S HOME GAME WITH LEEDS UNITED ON THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER WILL NOW KICK-OFF AT 5.15PM. THE FIXTURE, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO KICK-OFF AT 3PM, WILL BE SHOWN LIVE ON SKY SPORTS.



MATCH PREVIEW



11 days ago it was Gary Taylor-Fletcher, this evening it is the turn of Alex Baptiste as Blackpool's ex-captain returns to Bloomfield Road for the first time with Bolton Wanderers.

The Trotters were one of the fancied to be up and around the top of the table come May, and although they've haven't had the start they had hoped for, few will be writing off the Wanderers just yet.

After missing out on promotion on goal difference to Nottingham Forest last season following a 2-2 draw with Blackpool on the final day, Bolton will be desperate to go one better this time around.

Plenty of teams will be competing for the top six spots, but as the old cliché states, no one will be looking any further than the next game.

Last season saw two entertaining games between the sides; both ended 2-2 with eight different scorers across the matches.

Blackpool's last home game saw the exact same score-line, although it had seemed they were heading for their first home defeat of the campaign until Thomas Ince's late penalty.

The visit of Leicester City was preceded by

three 1-0 wins at Bloomfield Road against Barnsley, Reading and Watford.

All of The Seaside's home matches have been decided by some late action with two 90th minute goals along with winners in the 75th and 81st minute.



It makes for great drama, but probably won't do the managers' heart rate any good on the touchline.

One thing that will please Paul Ince is that his side are yet to concede first in a league match, which is a statistic in stark contrast to that of last season where Blackpool went a couple of months at one stage, going 1-0 down in matches.

It was a part of the game that Ince highlighted and it would seem that the change in mentality or tactics has worked.

Blackpool may like to leave it late from time to time, but Bolton did have the unwanted record of not scoring in the second-half of a league game this season, but that all changed on Saturday when Baptiste nodded in a 90th minute equaliser at home to Yeovil.

The Seaside's conceded their third penalty in three games at Huddersfield on Friday night, although they weren't made to pay after the Championship's top scorer James Vaughan smashed the ball against the crossbar.

Matt Gilks saved one against Watford and conceded one at Millwall and will no doubt be hoping he doesn't have to face a penalty for the fourth game running this evening.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS



HEAD-TO-HEAD

GARY MacKENZIE
v JERMAINE BECKFORD

After joining The Seaside on-loan last March the 6ft 3in centre-half has become somewhat of a fans' favourite after his no-nonsense displays at the back.

MacKenzie is a threat at the other end too, giving Blackpool an aerial threat from set-pieces that they once missed.

He will have to be on his guard this evening with one of the league's most potent strikers likely to be up against him in the form of the pacy Jermaine Beckford.



BLACKPOOL 2

BOLTON 2

Saturday 10 November 2012

The Seaside came from behind twice to take a point in Michael Appleton's first game in charge.

Mark Davies opened the scoring after capitalising on Alex Baptiste's slip before Thomas Ince levelled things up shortly after with a fine individual effort.

Chung Yong-Lee put the visitors ahead in the 71st minute, but their lead was short-lived again as Nathan Delfouneso equalised with ten minutes to go.



BOLTON 2

BLACKPOOL 2

Saturday 4 May 2013

The last game of the 2012/13 season saw Blackpool have to make the short trip down the road to the Reebok Stadium, 60 years and two days on from when the sides met in the FA Cup Final.

On this occasion it was The Seaside who got their noses in front through two sublime goals from Matt Phillips and Ludovic Sylvestre.

Despite dominating the first-half they let their guard down at the end of the period and strikes from Chris Eagles and Craig Davies meant the sides went in honours even at the break.

No further goals followed ensuring Bolton would be in The Championship for another season, missing out on the play-offs on goal difference.



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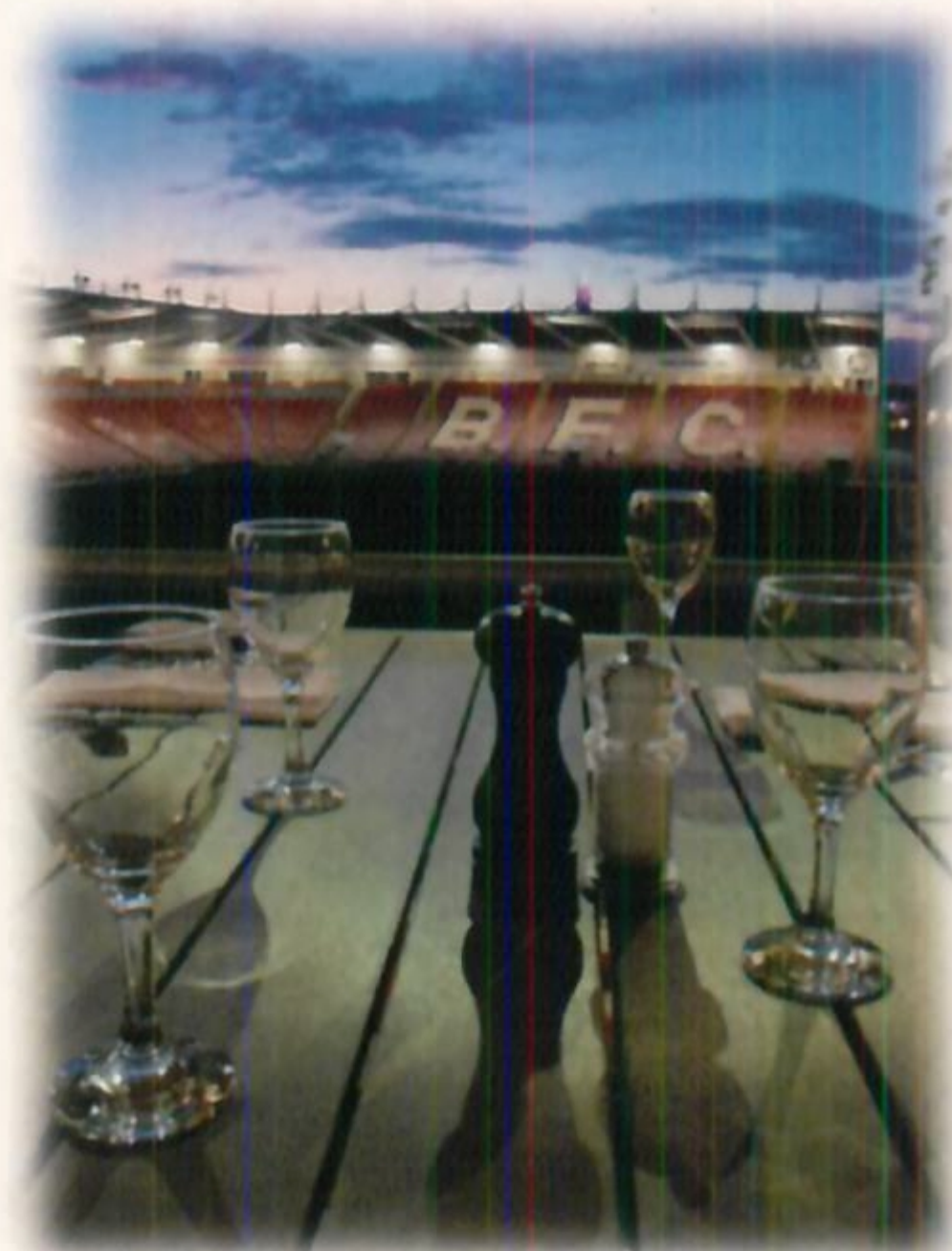
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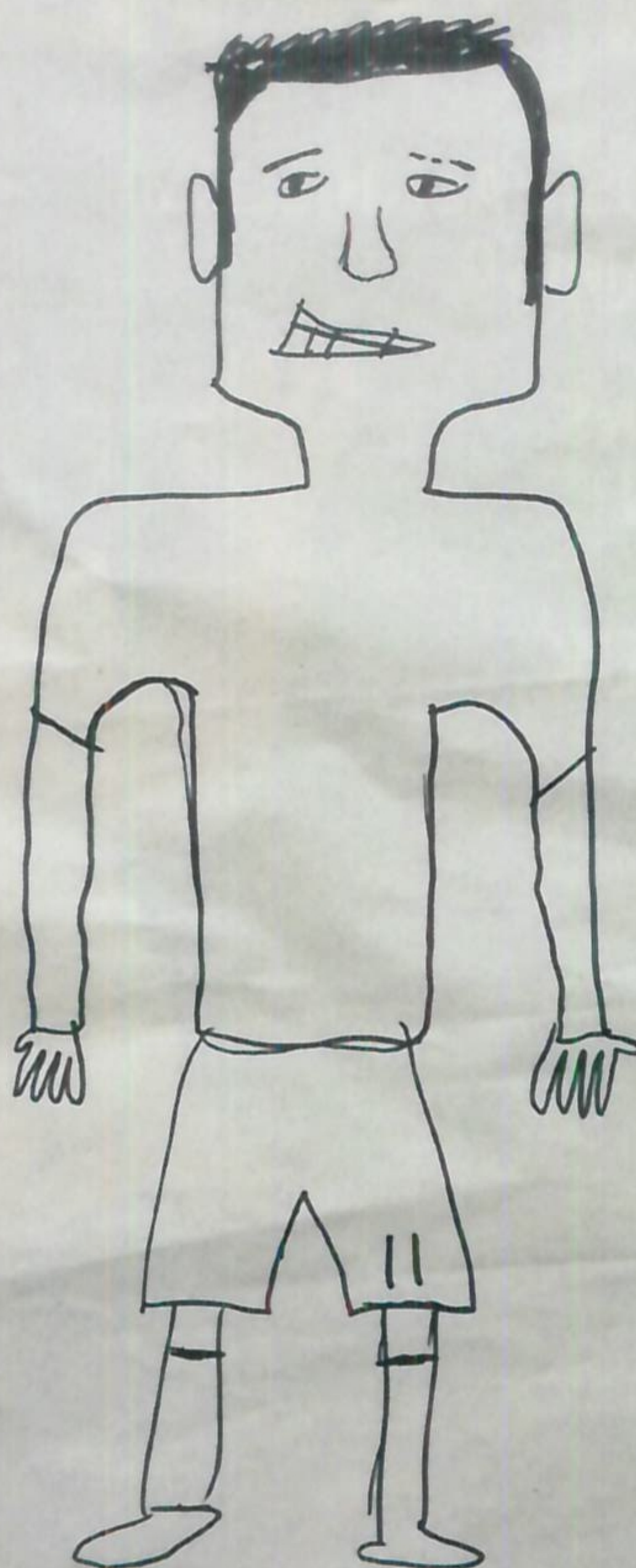
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Sketch a Seaside

James Caton draws
Thomas Ince



James Caton
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UP THE POOL VERDICT:
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James was under a lot of pressure when drawing Thomas Ince as there were plenty of people in the tunnel area watching this specific episode of Sketch a Seaside.

That pressure appears to have been telling as James' proportions are not what we had hoped for, while the head resembles a breeze block rather than Thomas' head.

His effort can not be faulted, but the execution was poor and a career in art is best suited to others.

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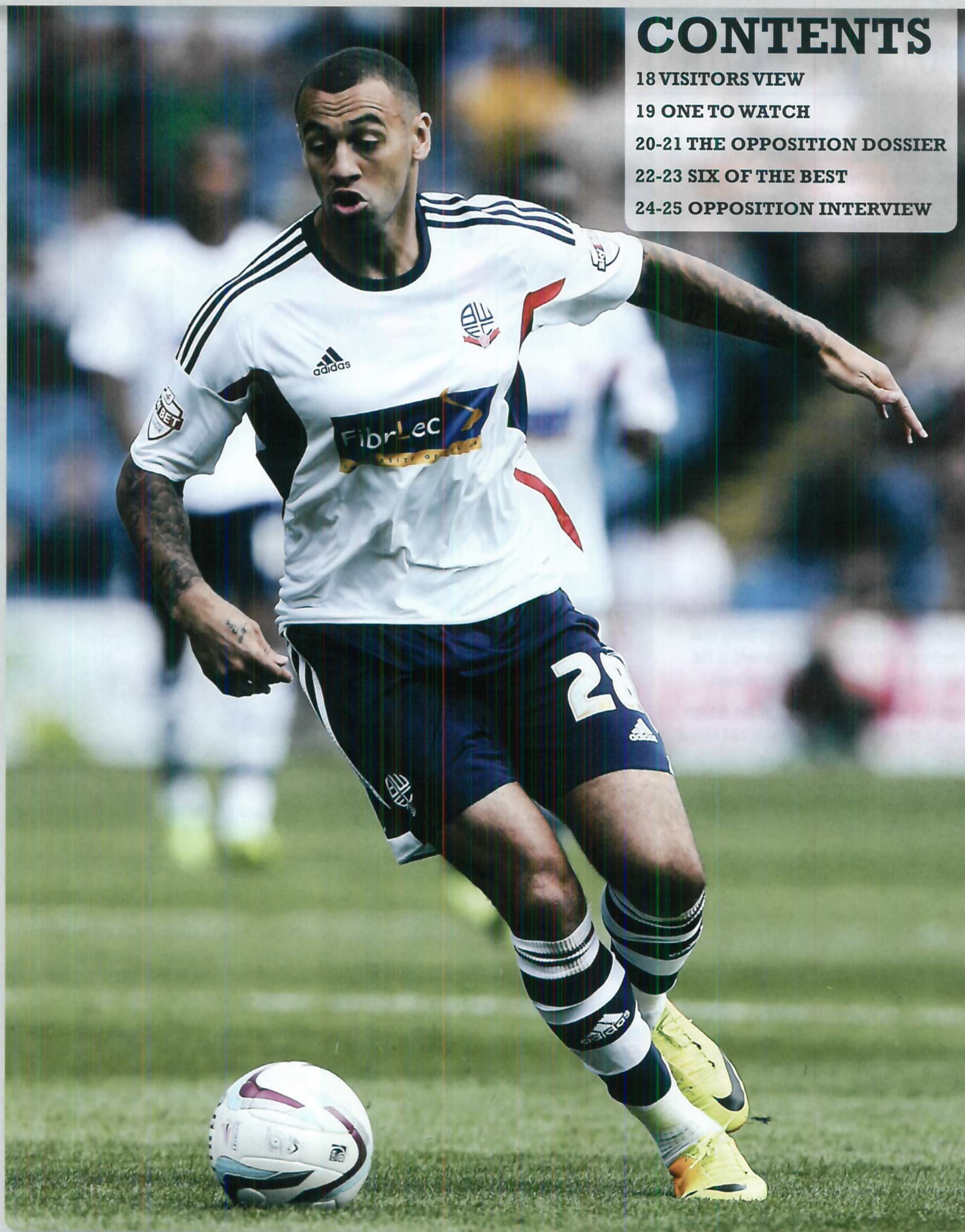
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READY TO GO AGAIN

BOLTON LOOK TO KICK-START THEIR SEASON

WORDS: STEWART HUDSON

Now in his first full season at the helm, Dougie Freedman will be determined to build on the influence he had on the club following his arrival from Crystal Palace almost 12 months ago.

Having just missed out on last season's play-offs after drawing their final game of the campaign against Blackpool, the summer recruitment drive has seen the likes of Jermaine Beckford, Alex Baptiste and Andre Moritz come in, while Jay Spearing and Rob Hall completed permanent moves.

The start to the season at The Reebok hasn't been ideal however, with Wanderers yet to win a league game on the road. The manager has spoken of a 'Plan B' as he looks to gel the right characters within his side, which is why he made a loan move for Neil Danns prior to the weekend.

After ten solid years of Premier League football, the hunger to return to the top-flight remains but the most important thing that Freedman will be keen to implement is the right playing direction this time around.

With this now the tenth game of the season, the 39-year-old will hope his side can turn a



Jermaine Beckford



corner and get their push for promotion back on track.

The current situation isn't too dissimilar to when he was in charge last season, with a positive run of results taking the club from 20th in The Championship to a final position of seventh. It is clear that the players at his disposal are more than capable of building on momentum and picking up the right results.

Without a victory against Blackpool in their last seven meetings, you have to go back to September 1992 for the last time Wanderers were victorious in this fixture. However, 1977 was the last time the visitors left Blackpool with all three points in the bag.

Goals are usually the order of the day though, with three of the last four games ended in 2-2 draws and the other a seven-goal thriller.



Now in his fifth season with Bolton Wanderers, Chung-Yong Lee was billed by The Times as one of the top 50 rising talents in football back in 2009.

Signed by Gary Megson from FC Seoul, the South Korea international has the skill and stamina to be one of the best players in The Championship.

The midfielder comes into this campaign on the back of marking his return from a lengthy injury absence last season, recovering from a broken leg to play 44 games for the club.

Prior to that injury the 25-year-old had picked up numerous accolades, including three at Bolton's end of season awards in 2010.

The task now is to reach those heights again and achieve the potential that was hampered by such an injury.

With Bolton Wanderers relegated in the season where he was limited to just two appearances, the winger will be determined to play a starring role in a return to the top-flight.

He has featured four times against Blackpool and scored in the game here at Bloomfield Road last season.



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ONE 2 WATCH



The Opposition Dossier

CLUB: Bolton Wanderers



Established: 1874

Nickname: The Trotters

Manager: Dougie Freedman

Stadium: The Reebok Stadium

Capacity: 28,723

Best League Position: 3rd
Division one (1891/1892,
1920/1921, 1924/1925)

THAT'S A FACT

one of the 12 founder members of the Football League, Wanderers were originally known as Christ Church when they were formed in 1874.

They were called The Wanderers due to the frequency at which they moved home in the early years until eventually settling at Burnden Park in 1895.

That was the club's home for 102



years before moving to the Reebok stadium after they won the First Division in 1997.

Bolton were relegated from the top flight in their first season at their new home, but returned three years later after a 3-0 play-off final win over Preston North End.

Goals from Gareth Farrelly, Michael Ricketts and Ricardo Gardner meant a comfortable win for Sam Allardyce's side in the first ever Division one play-off final at the Millennium stadium.

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LAST FIVE MANAGERS

SAM ALLARDYCE
(October '99 - April '07)

The current West Ham United boss was the man in charge of The Trotters when they won promotion to the Premier League in 2001.

He left to join Newcastle in 2007, but was less successful in the North East and left The Magpies in January 2008.



OWEN COYLE
(January '10 - October '12)

Coyle left Burnley, where he had enjoyed a great deal of success, to take over at the Reebok stadium.

They were relegated in the summer of 2012 and the current Wigan manager was then relieved of his duties after making a poor start to life in the Championship.



SAMMY LEE
(April '07 - October '07)

Lee worked as assistant to Allardyce for a couple of years, before taking over the reins at the Reebok following Big Sam's departure.

'Little Sam' as he was known was sacked after winning just three of his 14 games.



DOUGIE FREEDMAN
(October '12 - Present)

Freedman left his post at Crystal Palace last year; a club he has a great affiliation with, following ten years of service in two spells as a player.

He almost guided The Trotters to the play-offs last season after a strong end to the season, but they missed out on goal difference to Leicester City.



GARY MEGSON
(October '07 - December '09)

Megson managed just shy of 100 games for The Trotters, leaving with a win rate of 27%. He was the third Premier League manager to lose his job that season following Mark Hughes' departure from Manchester City and Paul Hart parting company with Portsmouth.



THE FORM GUIDE

Last five league games: LLLDD

Prior to Saturdays game against Yeovil



SIX OF THE



NAT LOFTHOUSE

Position: Centre-forward

Bolton: 1946-1960

The forward played over 500 games for his hometown club, while also earning himself 33 caps for his country, racking up an impressive 30 goals for England in the process.

Lofthouse captained Bolton in two FA Cup finals, including the 1953 final with Blackpool in which he opened the scoring after just two minutes. They may have lost the '53 final, but five years later he was on the winning side as they beat Manchester United 2-0 with Lofthouse scoring both.

A statue of the Bolton legend was unveiled in August outside of the Reebok Stadium.



PETER REID

Position: Midfielder

Bolton: 1974-1982

Reid was a defensive midfielder who came through the Bolton Wanderers youth team in the early-70s.

After eight years with The Trotters he made the short move to the team he supports – Everton, where he spent seven years.

He made 13 appearances for England and has also got plenty of management experience under his belt, overseeing team affairs at Manchester City, Sunderland, Leeds, Coventry, Thailand and Plymouth Argyle.



JOHN MCGINLAY

Position: Striker

Bolton: 1992-1997

Signed by Bruce Rioch in September of '92, McGinlay made over 180 appearances in a Bolton career which started at Burnden Park and ended at the Reebok.

“Super John” was part of the Scotland setup until he was appointed as Chief Scout by Owen Coyle at Wigan Athletic in the summer.

WORDS: PAUL COX

BEST...



GUDNI BERGSSON

Position: Defender

Bolton: 1995-2003

The Icelandic defender made 270 league appearances for Bolton after joining from Tottenham Hotspur.

The Icelandic defender went on to study law after retiring and is now a certified lawyer.

Bergsson was a highly respected captain by both players and management in his time with the club.



JAY-JAY OKOCHA

Position: Midfielder

Bolton: 2002-2006

A real fans' favourite in his time with the north-west club, Okocha moved from Paris Saint-Germain on a free transfer after the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea.

The midfielder was a box of tricks with supporters claiming 'he is so good they named him twice'.

The Nigerian scored 18 goals for Wanderers, pulling on the white shirt just less than 150 times in his four years.



IVAN CAMPO

Position: Defender

Bolton: 2002-2008

Not only did Campo make the switch from Real Madrid to Bolton, but he was also a roaring success at the Reebok and was a factor in the signing of former Madrid captain Fernando Hierro joining The Trotter two years later.

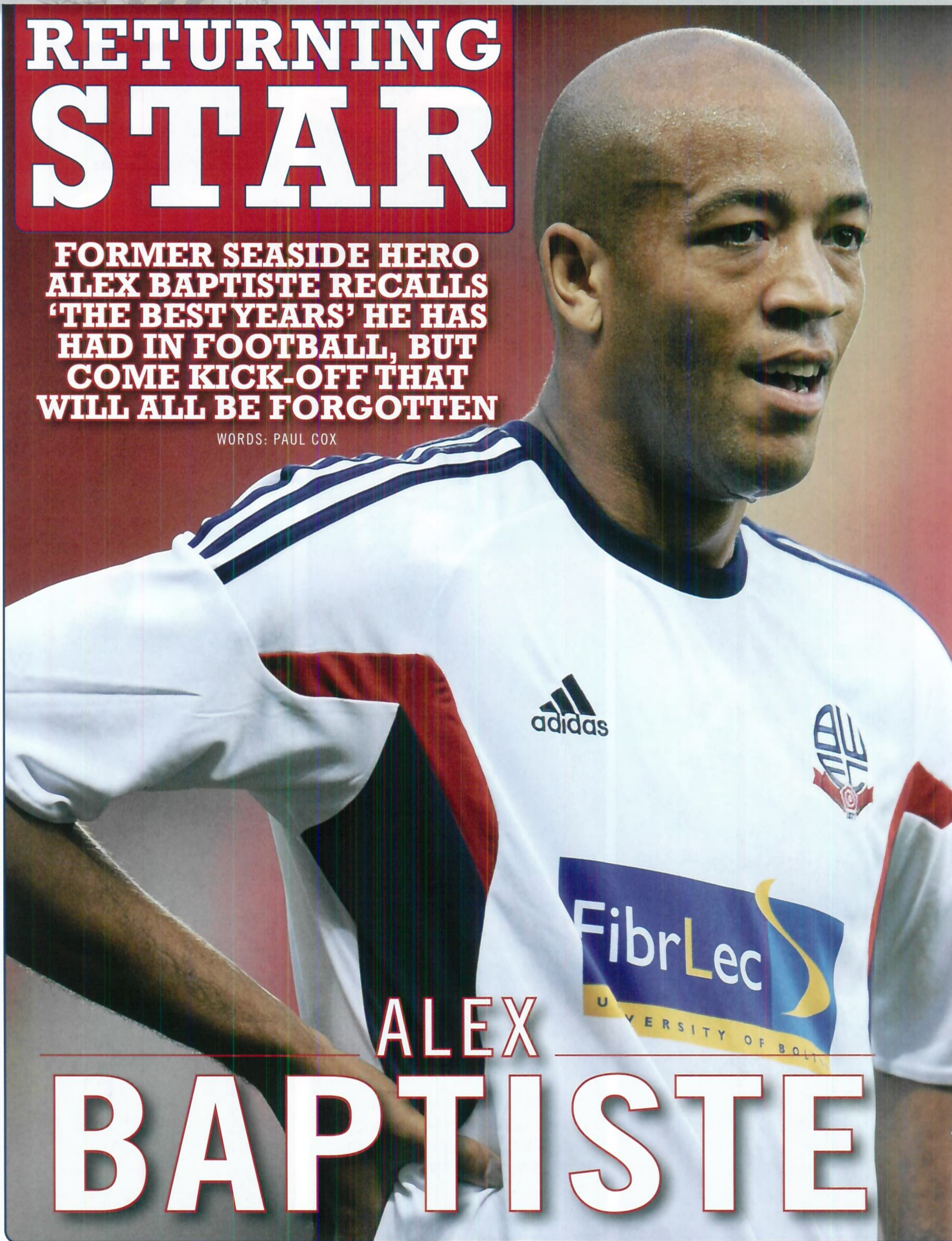
The Spanish defender joined initially on a season-long loan deal before making the move permanent at the end of the 2002/2003 season.



RETURNING STAR

**FORMER SEASIDE HERO
ALEX BAPTISTE RECALLS
'THE BEST YEARS' HE HAS
HAD IN FOOTBALL, BUT
COME KICK-OFF THAT
WILL ALL BE FORGOTTEN**

WORDS: PAUL COX



ALEX
BAPTISTE



“I still feel they were the best years that I’ve ever had in football and what we achieved was incredible”



When Alex Baptiste walked through the doors at Bloomfield Road for the very first time no one could have dreamt what he was about to experience.

The defender joined the club from Mansfield Town in July 2008, following their relegation from the Football League and was largely an unknown on the Fylde Coast, but that was all about to change.

Five years of thrills and spills followed, in which time the club evolved and made huge strides on and off the pitch and Baptiste can still recall his early days with The Seaside.

“When I first came in I wasn’t really playing and I was going to go out on loan,” Baptiste told Up The Pool.

“But I eventually managed to get a chance and then the next year the focus was all about staying up again until Holloway came in and absolutely changed everyone’s mentality.

“He was the only one really who believed we could get promotion. To get promoted on the smallest budget, with the spirit that we had and the team that we had – I don’t think I will ever experience that again.

“Holloway put that belief in us and that was a special time. It will never be done again I don’t think, with that budget and remember the expectations at the start of the season were for us to get relegated.

“It’s definitely the best season I’ve ever had in my career without a shadow of a doubt.”

This evening’s game sees Baptiste go up against some of his close friends and the 27-year-old admits it will be a strange feeling walking out of the away dressing room and past the images that adorn the tunnel walls from the days in which he was a part of.

“I’ve still got all my best mates at Blackpool and I still speak to the guys that have left and there is nothing but good memories from my time there.

“Even last year, we didn’t do the best, but the gaffer there now was a different class with me and so were Alex Rae and Tommo.

“I still feel they were the best years that I’ve ever had in football and what we achieved was incredible and I don’t think we will ever top that so it will be special going back.”

His new Bolton side haven’t started the season as well as they would have liked, but Baptiste is confident that they will start to climb the table soon.

“I’ve played in this league a long time now and when I look at the players we’ve got in the dressing room, I look at them and think we’ve got a fantastic team here.

“Obviously we haven’t started the best, but hopefully we will turn the corner and get a few points on the board and start winning games and climbing up the league.

“We are more than capable of winning games back-to-back so that’s what we are planning on doing.”

The Trotters are aiming for promotion after narrowly missing out last season and when Baptiste was considering his options in the summer a major factor was the club’s ambitions.

“We need to start grinding out results and getting a few on the bounce and hopefully then we will keep the run going.

“When I came here there was only one aim for me, and that was to go up,” added Baptiste.





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QUESTIONS



**Bob
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1. If you could participate in any other sport at top level, what would it be?

Golf. I enjoy watching it, but never play too often.

2. What is your karaoke song of choice?

I don't really sing much karaoke but I will go with 'Simply the Best' — Tina Turner.

3. What film would you have loved to have starred in and why?

Braveheart. It's good to be patriotic!

4. If you owned a racehorse, what would you call it?

Bobbing Along

5. What football stadium would you like to play at, that you haven't yet?

Old Trafford

6. What football boots are you wearing at the moment?

Adidas red and white F50s

7. What is your favourite pre-match meal?

Toast, beans and scrambled eggs

8. Do you have a pre-match superstition that you are willing to share?

I usually wear moulds in the warm up then change to studs for the game. It's just something I've always done

9. Who is your best friend in football?

Stephen Dobbie and Craig Reid at Morton. We were all together at Queen of the South and still keep in touch now.

10. What was the first football kit you owned and what name did it have on the back?

It would have been a Glasgow Rangers shirt, but I can't remember what name I had on the back. Ally McCoist was the goalscorer at the time so it may have been his.



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WHAT'S WATT

I OFTEN JOKE MY JOB IS LIKE BEING A POLITICIAN.

As a journalist you'll inevitably rub people up the wrong way, especially when you are working with one specific topic.

My job at Blackpool FC writer for The Gazette can often be a balancing act.

While we would never hold stories back in fear of them upsetting people, building a relationship with the club and the players (and therefore keeping them happy) is vital.

And that's where it gets tricky.

I rely on the co-operation of players and their willingness to speak and give their thoughts after games, without them the back page each day would be pretty blank.

Luckily the lads at Blackpool at the moment are top class, but that's not always the case.

And there's nothing which causes tension with players like the match marks out of ten. It's something papers ask of journalists and the one thing players actually look at.

I suppose it's only natural, if someone gave my Sunday League performances a mark each weekend, there's no doubt I'd be having a sneaky peak. Most players know when they've had an off day, and won't make a big deal out of a one-off five or six out of ten.

But over the year's there have been many occasions where players spit their dummies out over a mark or the description of a mistake.

And it's exactly the same with Paul Ince and Karl Oyston, keeping them happy is important.

Luckily for me, Karl is as thick skinned as



IN A NEW UP THE POOL COLUMN, BLACKPOOL GAZETTE FOOTBALL WRITER WILL WATT GIVES HIS TAKE ON ALL THINGS INVOLVING THE SEASIDERS.

they come and isn't one to hold a grudge.

But every now and then things boil over, as I found out during Ian Holloway's time in charge.

I had written an article one Thursday claiming he could be leaving the club, his reaction was less than favourable.

And I remember being sat in the stand ahead of the Brighton game last season and getting a text off somebody in the Sponsors Lounge about Ian Holloway being unhappy.

It's something which played on my mind all through the game, and when I crept into the tunnel for the post match press conference he was stood waiting for me.

Let's just say just about everyone in the changing area could hear his hairdryer style chat to me.

I must add this was a one-off, Ollie was otherwise a joy to work with.

Ironically the report was spot on, and he left the club three days later, but that's a prime example where you sometimes can't do right for doing wrong in this job.

Let's hope there's no fives being dished out tonight!



BARRY FERGUSON RESURGENT

WORDS PAUL COX

When Barry Ferguson moved out on-loan to Fleetwood Town last November the majority of people thought the former Scotland captain had played his last game for The Seaside, and he was one of them.

The 35-year-old found himself on the bench more often than not at the start of last season, and with the end of his career seemingly within touching distance, the midfielder wanted to be playing football.

Never one to sit back and take the easy option, 'Fergie' made the short trip up the Fylde Coast where he played eight times in a two-month loan spell.

Upon returning to Blackpool he met with Michael Appleton, but still the consensus was that he wouldn't pull on the tangerine shirt again.

That all changed though when Paul Ince walked through the door at Bloomfield Road and thrust the skipper back into the starting line-up, instilling the belief that had clearly been drained out of the player just a couple of months earlier.

"I'd basically made up my mind that I was going to retire because of what was going on," Ferguson told Up The Pool.

"It's the way football works though. To be honest, the gaffer has come in and he's been a breath of fresh air, not just for me, but for the club as well, and now I feel as though I can go on another year or two.

"I feel as fit as I've ever been. I may not be able to get up and down the park as much as I used to, but he's been a major factor in me starting the season well and enjoying my football again."

Opinions can quickly change in sport, particularly so in football, which undoubtedly has a fickle vein running right through its body.

The Pool captain was written off as a Championship player when he dropped down to League Two, only for him now to have played every game this season in one of the most competitive leagues in the world. ▶



BLACKPOOL'S CAPTAIN HAS BEEN WRITTEN OFF MORE TIMES THAN IT WOULD SEEM POSSIBLE, BUT HE KEEPS COMING BACK AND PROVING THE DOUBTERS WRONG



“...the gaffer has come in and he’s been a breath of fresh air, not just for me, but for the club as well.”

“A lot of people looked and asked ‘why are you going to Fleetwood?’ Well, I went to Fleetwood to play football.”



► Although playing in the fourth tier may not be an attractive proposition for most players, Ferguson knew what it meant for him to be able to cross that white line again.

"There were a couple of reasons – I didn't want to sit back and take my money and no disrespect to the youth team at the time, but I didn't want to go and train with them.

"The way I look at football is, I'm paid to play on a Saturday and I'm paid to train hard during the week. I was training hard with the youth team, I gave everything I could when I went to train with them, but come Saturday I was getting down because I'd obviously been used to playing on a Saturday.

"A lot of people looked and asked 'why are you going to Fleetwood?' Well, I went to Fleetwood to play football."

When the doubts crept into the midfielder's head last Christmas time, one feeling was always there, niggling away, which reminded him just why he even started playing the game in the first place.

"I've still got the fire and the passion; I've said that on plenty of occasions. Once that leaves me I'm half the player."

There is no sign of the passion heading out of Ferguson's game any time soon, but can such a characteristic ever leave someone who is so motivated and stimulated by football?

"I don't know," he replied.

"It's certainly not left me now, I'm as passionate as ever and that's a big part of my game. I want to win, no matter if it's on a Saturday or it's a training game.

"All the boys will say I'm a moaning... well I'd better not say the word! But that's just the way I am.

"The reason I'm moaning and I'm getting on at everybody is because I want to win and I want everybody to do well. If that's a crime, well, people can look at me and say I'm a moaning so and so, but that's in my make-up and I need to win, no matter what."

Paul Ince revealed the Scotsman's tendency to moan a lot at the end of last season, but was also quick to stress how it can be a huge positive to have someone who has high aspirations.

An opportunity arose at the start of this campaign for Ferguson to put his rants onto paper when the Daily Record offered him a weekly column.

The Scottish newspaper weren't the only media outlet interested in his services unsurprisingly, but it was they who attracted him by allowing him to translate his knowledge and opinion into print.

For the people who know Ferguson it may have come as a surprise that he took up the offer as, by his own admission, he is quite a private person.

"Obviously five years ago when the stuff happened with Scotland, I thought the best thing at the time was to keep a low profile and just let my football do the talking and that's what I've done for the last five years.

"I can give my own opinion, it's my own stuff and I'm choosing what is getting written.

"It's my own personal opinion and some people love it and some people don't, but I've been in that situation all my career –

some people love me and some people hate me, so it's no skin off my back if they don't like it. But, I'm enjoying doing it."

The nature of his fall-out from the national side meant he was a figure of hate in a lot of areas of Scotland.

'Boozegate' as it was so originally named is still a time he regrets deeply, but with no way of re-writing the past, Ferguson is determined to make the most of the present.

"I would give myself a right good slap if I could, in fact a right good hard punch because it was stupid, but listen; we all make mistakes in life.

"I think it's how you come back from the mistakes, and I've made three or four big mistakes in my career, and it's always about proving to people that you can come back from that and I've always done that, but for sure people wrote me off."

He will probably be written off again, before coming back and proving people wrong; that's just the nature of football, but one thing for certain is that Ferguson will be undeterred by what outsiders say.

"People can say what they want, people can write what they want, people can do whatever they want, but it doesn't bother me; I'm thick skinned and that's the way I've been brought up.

"People have got an opinion about everything, but the only thing that matters to me now is the manager here and Blackpool Football Club."

"The way I'm feeling now is that I'm loving life at Blackpool and I couldn't be any happier." ■



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A NEW SEASIDER: Sebby Max Emmett was born to parents Nicola and James Emmett at the end of May. Baby brother to football mad Olly, here he is pictured at 16-weeks-old testing out his new Blackpool sleeping bag.



BLACKPOOL MAD: Max Radcliffe celebrated his birthday recently with a host of Blackpool gifts. The youngster is a distant relative of former Seaside Mandy Hill.



HAPPY 18TH: Rebecca Sandiford, a season ticket holder for 10 years, is celebrating her 18th birthday by watching The Seaside in action against Bolton. She'd like to see her favourite player Thomas Ince score another goal. Love comes from mum, dad, James, Katie and the rest of your family.



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Hello boys and girls and a huge welcome to our young Bolton supporters who have travelled to be with us for this game.

Well after an exciting game against Leicester the weekend before last I'm really looking forward to tonight's game. And hopefully we managed to get three points from the game away at Huddersfield, as I write these notes prior to that game.

It was great to see Dobbie back at Bloomfield Road and the reception you all gave Gary Taylor-Fletcher was immense. We are great fans

and we always show respect to the legends that have helped us get to the great club we are.

It's been great meeting you all pitch side at recent games so don't forget to give me a shout if you would like a photo or an autograph.

And remember let's make sure we keep the atmosphere going!!!!

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Young Seasiders

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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Coby Blacow 2nd
Shay Worsfold 2nd
Jamie Maskell 2nd
Sam Maskell 2nd
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Joseph Gorton 3rd
George Scarlett-Worthington 3rd
Joe Eastham 3rd
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Jack Kelly 4th
Corey Graham 4th
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Christopher Binns 4th
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George Cheston 5th
Harley Molloy 5th
Isaac Empringham 6th

Ben Raby 7th
Daniel Ward 7th
Abbie Carroll 7th
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Andrew Bramhall 18th
Mathew Brookes 18th
Fletcher Rial 18th
Daniel Gallagher 18th

MATCH MASCOTS

JACK and HOLLY REA will lead out The Seasideers as mascots against Bolton Wanderers this evening.

Jack recently celebrated his 11th birthday so this experience will be a special present. He goes to St Aidan's School in Preesall and he absolutely loves football. His favourite Blackpool players are Matt Gilks and Thomas Ince.

Holly is seven-years-old and she attends Hambleton Primary Academy. She loves

football and is also a big fan of Matt Gilks and Thomas Ince.

DANIEL JONES will represent Bolton as a mascot. He's 12-years-old and he loves football and drama. Rob Hall and Jay Spearing are his favourite players.



JACK



HOLLY



DANIEL

QUIZ TIME

WHO AM I?

- I started my junior football career with Newcastle United
- I signed for Blackpool from Bolton Wanderers in August 2010
- I scored a header in our last home game against Leicester City

BLACKPOOL

1. What shirt number has Stephen Dobbie been handed for his third loan spell with The Seasideers?
2. Who scored an injury-time penalty in Blackpool's last game here at Bloomfield Road?
3. If you add the shirt number of Nathan Tyson to Isaiah Osbourne's, what number do you get?
4. How old is skipper Barry Ferguson?
5. What country has Ricardo Fuller represented internationally?



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE, CAN YOU FIND ALL FIVE?



BOLTON

1. Which former Blackpool defender is set to start for Wanderers this afternoon?

2. Jay Spearing joined completed a permanent move to Bolton from which club?

3. Other than Bolton, name three clubs that Jermaine Beckford has played for?

4. Where will Bolton be playing on Saturday?

5. Who manufactures the Bolton kit?



SPOT THE BALL

TOP, MIDDLE OR BOTTOM?



BROKEN MIRROR

WHICH PLAYER IS IN THE REFLECTION?



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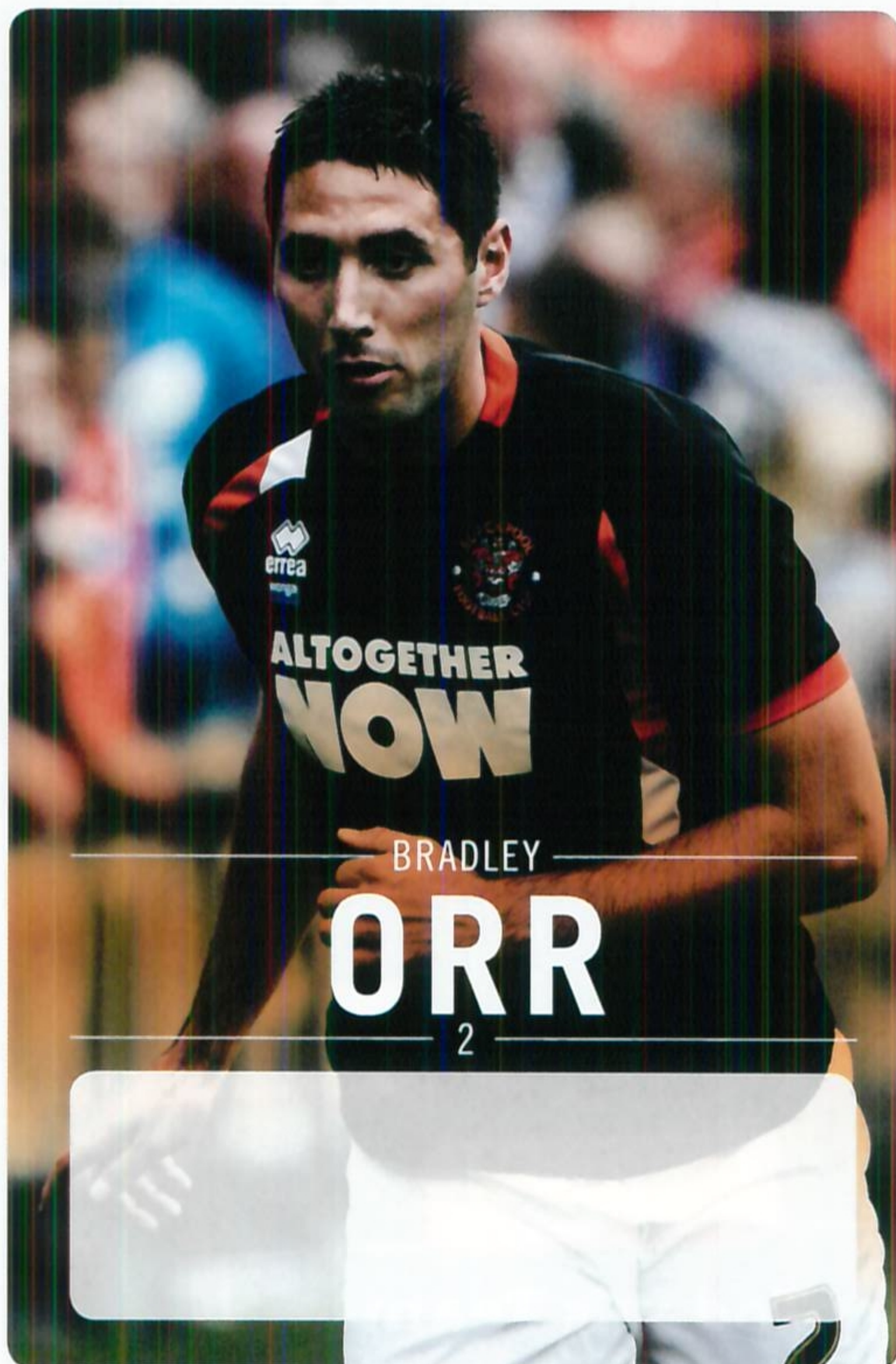


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- 1888 The World's original league formed
- 1891 Goal nets and penalty kicks were introduced
- 1892 2nd Division introduced
- 1898 Automatic promotion & relegation introduced
- 1901 Maximum wage introduced
- 1914 Footballers' Battalion formed
- 1920 Football League expands to 66 clubs and introduces a Third division
- 1921 Expanded to 88 clubs with 3rd Division North & South
- 1925 New offside law introduced
- 1927 BBC broadcast first live football league match on the radio
- 1939 League suspended due to World War II
- 1949 Record attendances of 41 million
- 1951 White ball used for the first time in matches
- 1956 First floodlit game - Portsmouth v. Newcastle United
- 1958 Division 3 & 4 formed to replace regional 3rd Division
- 1960 First ever live Football League match shown on television
- 1961 Maximum wage abolished
- 1965 Keith Peacock becomes first Football League substitute
- 1966 Substitutions for any reason permitted
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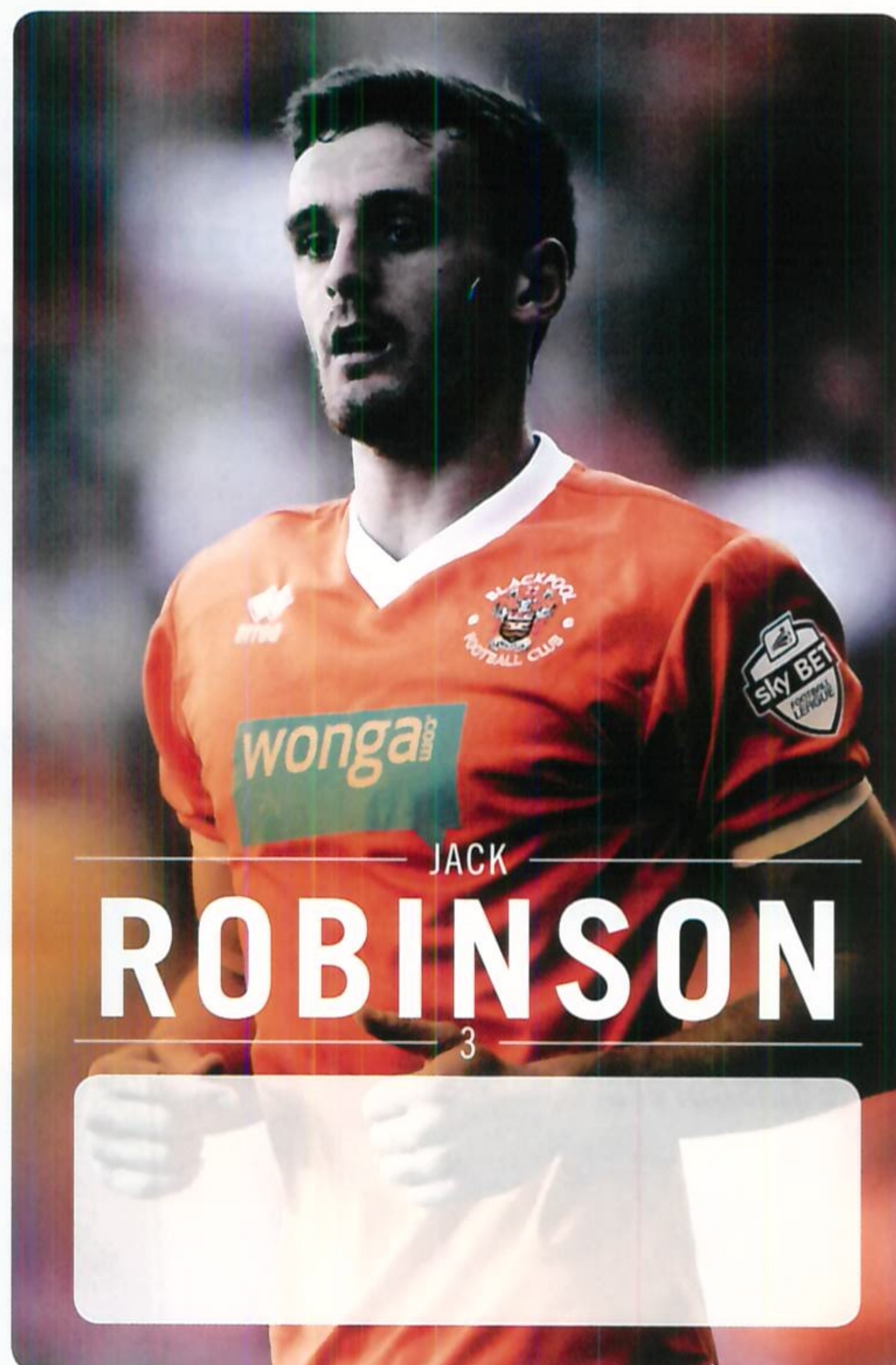
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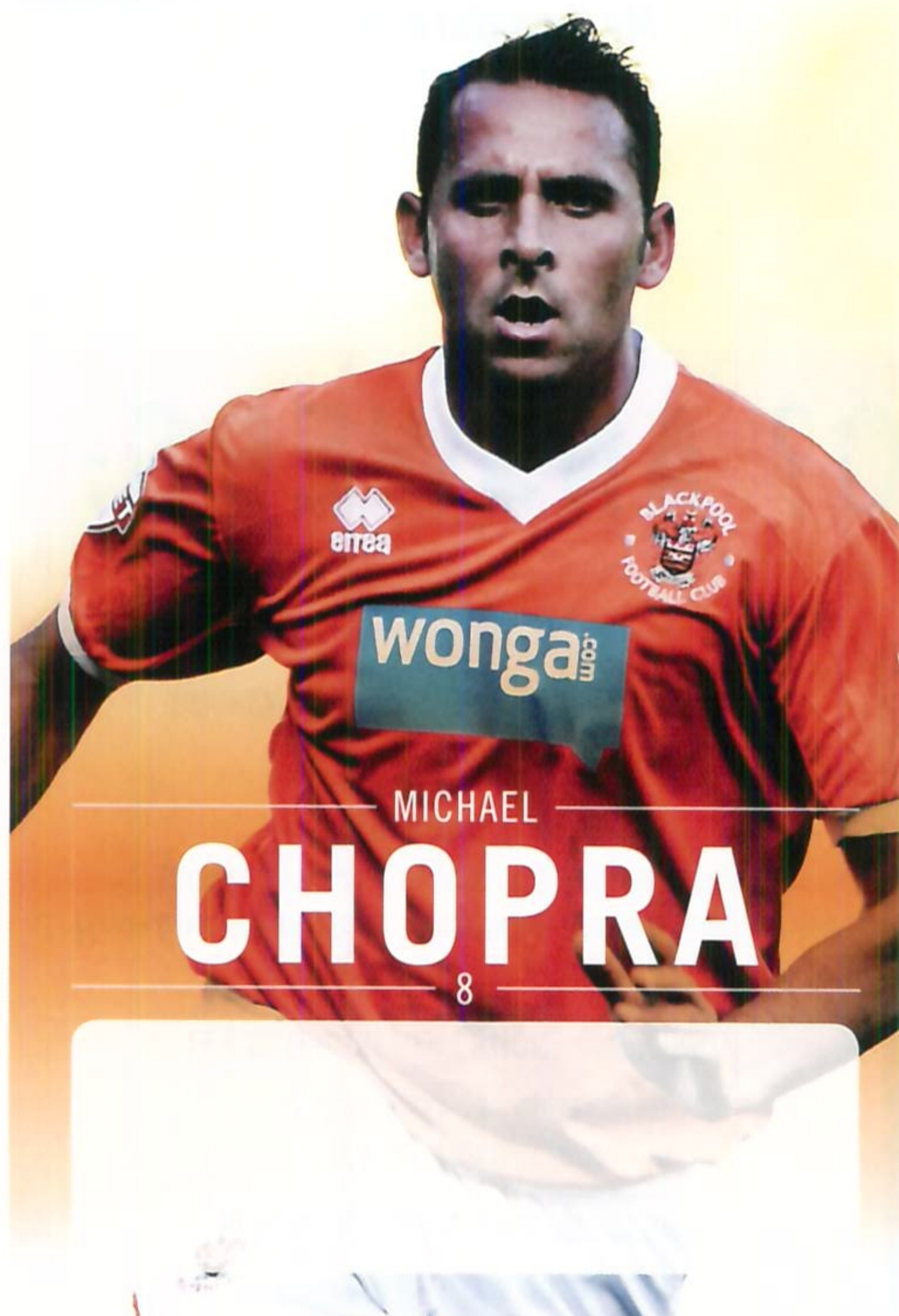
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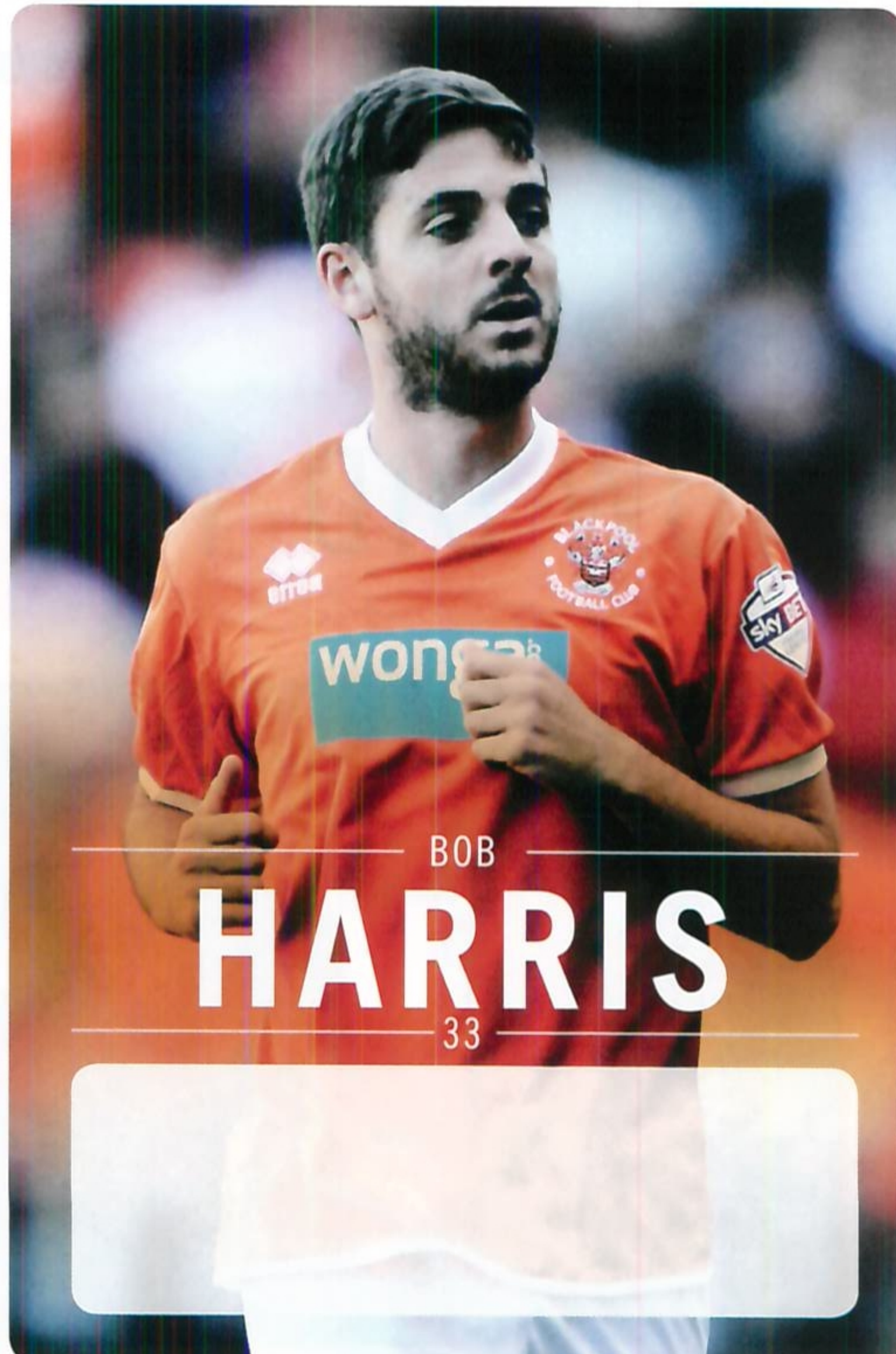
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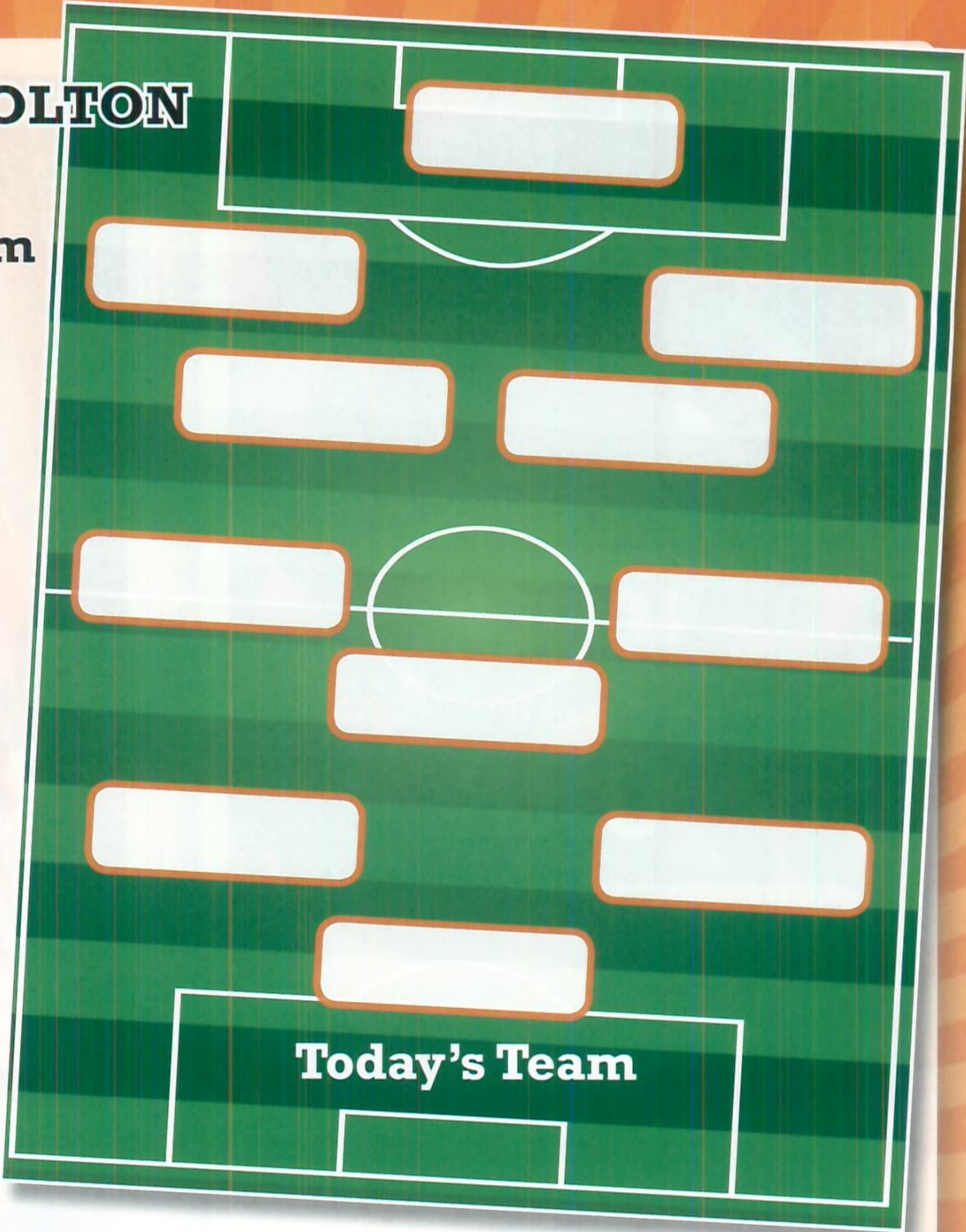
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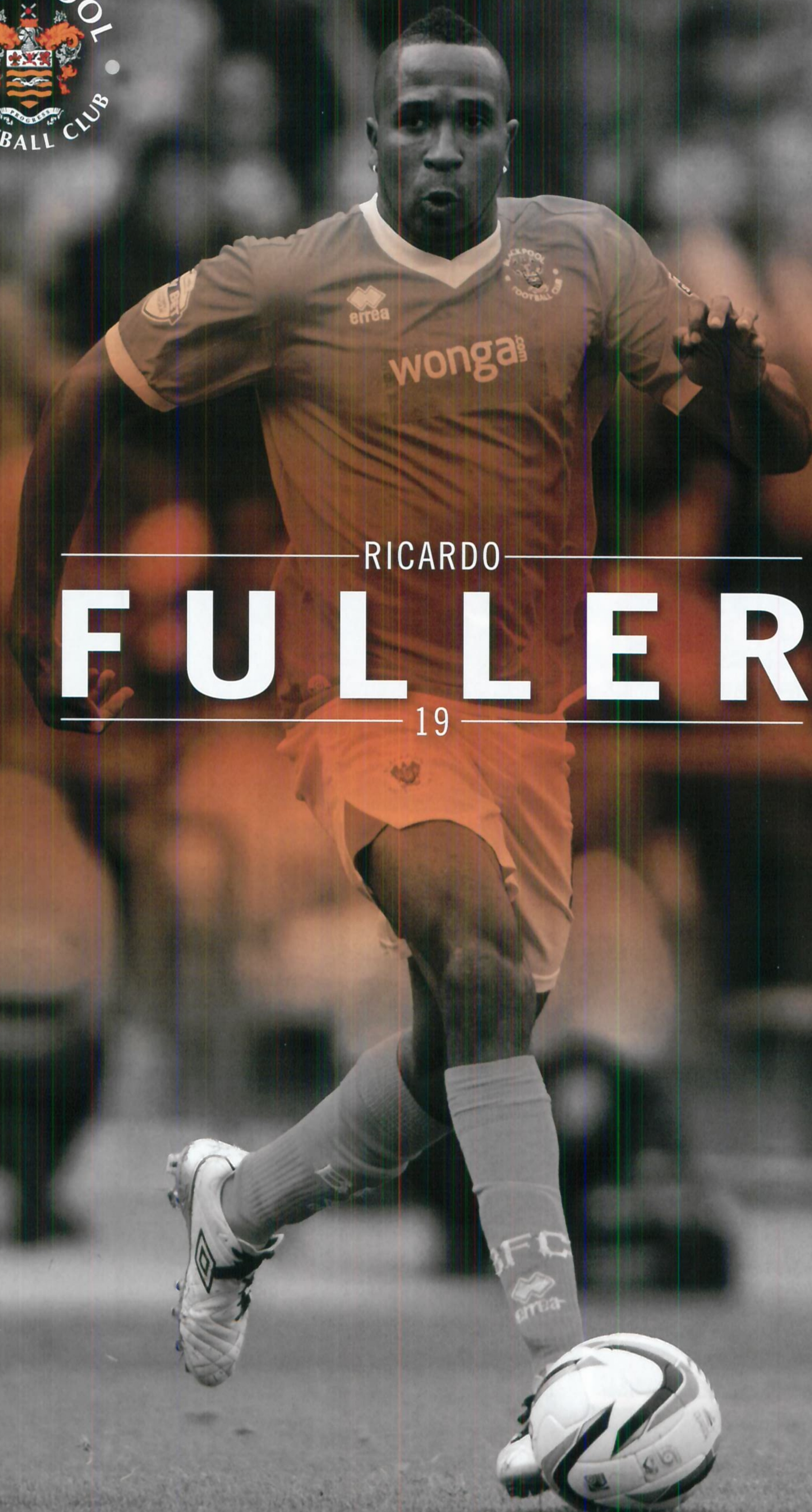
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WHO AM I? Chris Basham
BLACKPOOL QUESTIONS ANSWERS:
1. 15 2. Thomas Ince
3. 25 4. 35 5. Jamaica
LEICESTER CITY QUESTIONS ANSWERS:
1. Alex Baptiste 2. Liverpool
3. Three from: Wealdstone, Scunthorpe United, Carlisle, Leeds
4. Birmingham 5. Adidas
SPOT THE BALL: Middle Ball
BROKEN MIRROR: Martinez Cervera Angel



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ON THE ROAD TO... CHARLTON ATHLETIC

UP THE POOL'S ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO THE SEASIDERS' NEXT AWAY TRIP

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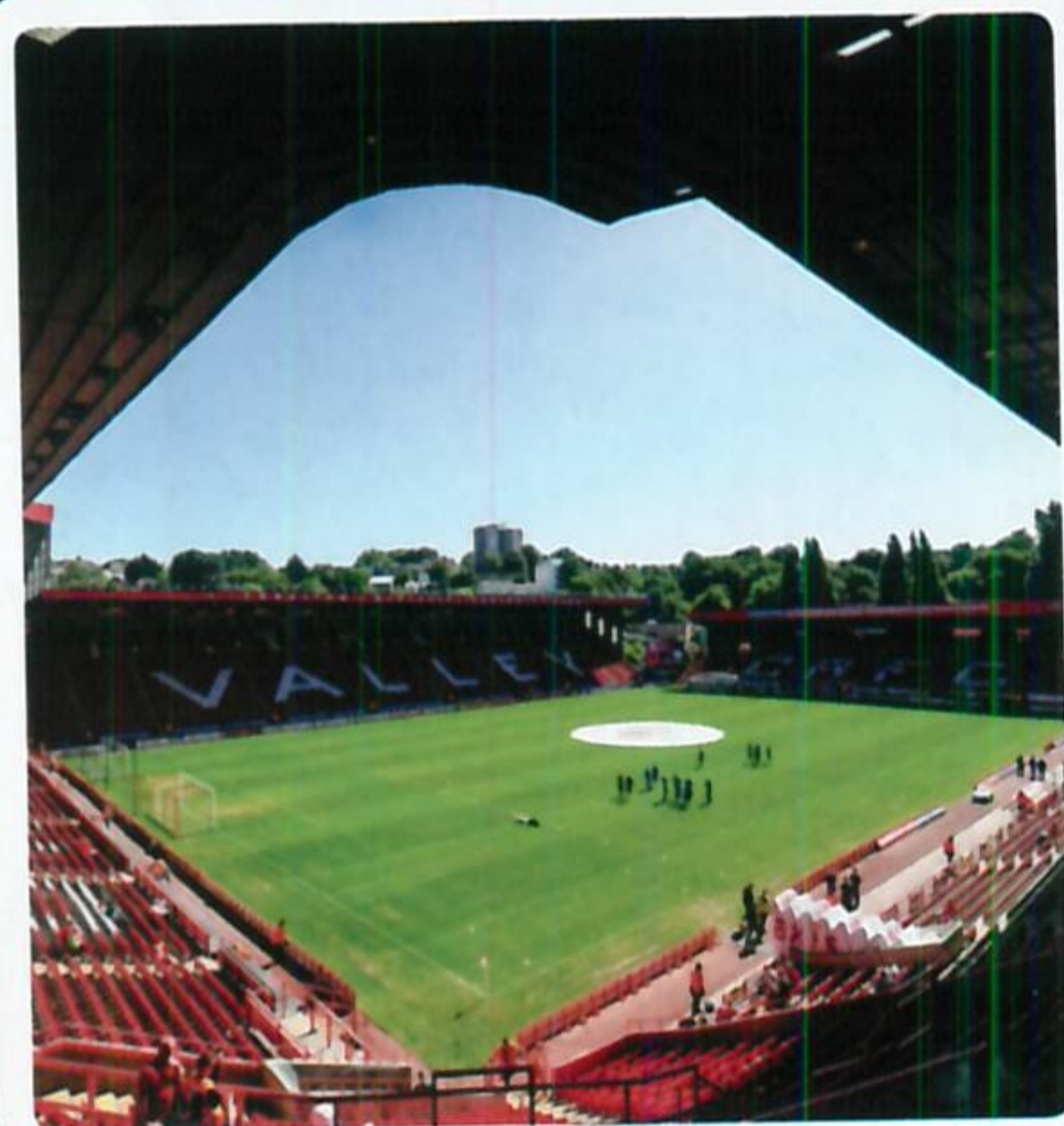
Another trip to the capital awaits this weekend, with Blackpool facing Charlton Athletic at The Valley. The fixture will be The Seaside's last prior to another international break.

THE OPPOSITION:

Formed in 1905 by a group of various youth players, The Addicks share South London rivalries with Millwall and Crystal Palace. Voted into The Football League in 1921, the club had to re-apply for election to Division Three in 1926 after finishing second bottom. Fortunately, Charlton won the league three years later.

Top-flight runners-up in 1937, Charlton achieved promotion to the Premier League in 1998 and then again in 2000, spending the next seven years there.

The Addicks are now managed by former left-back Chris Powell.



PLAYER CONNECTIONS:

Blackpool striker Ricardo Fuller spent last season at Charlton, while Nathan Eccleston enjoyed a loan spell with the club in 2011. Former loan player Jonjo Shelvey came through the youth ranks at The Valley, and Algeria international Hameur Bouazza spent stints with both clubs. The likes of Steve Harrison, Matt Jackson, Paul Rachubka, Andy Reid and Danny Shittu have also represented both clubs down the years.

CHARLTON 2 BLACKPOOL 1

Saturday 12 January

Goals from Johnnie Jackson and Scott Wagstaff gave Charlton victory at The Valley, with Steve Thompson taking caretaker charge of The Seaside.

With Michael Appleton agreeing to take over at Blackburn Rovers 24 hours earlier, the home side found themselves two goals to the good prior to half-time.

Blackpool started the second-half much better but only found the net in injury-time, courtesy of a fine strike from Nathan Eccleston.



CHARLTON 2 BLACKPOOL 2

Saturday 18 April 2009

Charlton's relegation to League One was confirmed in this encounter, despite a 2-2 draw.

The Addicks looked to have secured a lifeline in the division after racing into a 2-0 lead thanks to goals from Deon Burton and Jonjo Shelvey.

However, DJ Campbell pulled a goal back for The Seaside from the penalty spot, while a 90th minute effort from Lee Hughes salvaged a point.

Charlton started the day 12 points adrift at the bottom of the table and needed all three points to prolong their stay in The Championship for another week.

TICKET UPDATE:

Tickets remain on general sale for Blackpool's away trip to Charlton Athletic on Saturday.

The Seaside have been allocated 960, which includes five pairs of wheelchair spaces, for the Jimmy Seed Stand, priced as follows:

- £5 for Under-11s
- £10 for Under-18s
- £20 for Under-21s and Over-60s
- £26 for Adults

Ambulant and Wheelchair Disabled tickets, which come with a free carer, are priced at:

- £5 for Under-11s
- £10 for Under-18s

- £13 for Under-21s and Over-60s
- £20 for Adults

The club supporters' coach is priced at £30 per person and departs Bloomfield Road at 7am on the day of the game.

TRAVEL:

BY CAR:

The easiest way to get to The Valley by car is to use the A2, accessed from junction two of the M25 (those heading south via the M1, A1 or M11 should head clockwise on the M25, signposted 'Dartford Crossing').

Heading into London along the A2, the dual carriageway becomes the A102M - the approach road to the Blackwall Tunnel. Leave at the junction after the A2 exit and take the right-hand exit at the roundabout - the A206 Woolwich Road.

After the major set of traffic lights at Anchor and Hope Lane and Charlton Church Lane, travel around second roundabout and take the last exit to drive back on yourself. Then take the first left into Charlton Lane. Cross the railway line and continue up the road, then right into Harvey Gardens. The stadium is on the left.

Access to Floyd Road and Harvey Gardens is restricted on matchdays.

BY TRAIN AND TUBE:

Charlton railway station is just a short walk from the ground. Frequent services depart from Charing Cross, Waterloo East and London Bridge, with limited departures Cannon Street. Some services that come through Dartford continue to Charlton, while connections for others can be made at Blackheath, Lewisham and London Bridge.

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ANOTHER MILESTONE FOR RONALDO

Fresh from agreeing a new lucrative contract at Real Madrid, Cristiano Ronaldo has added yet another milestone to his list of achievements.

The winger, who has netted an incredible 211 goals in 206 appearances for Los Blancos, has now scored against every team he has faced in La Liga.

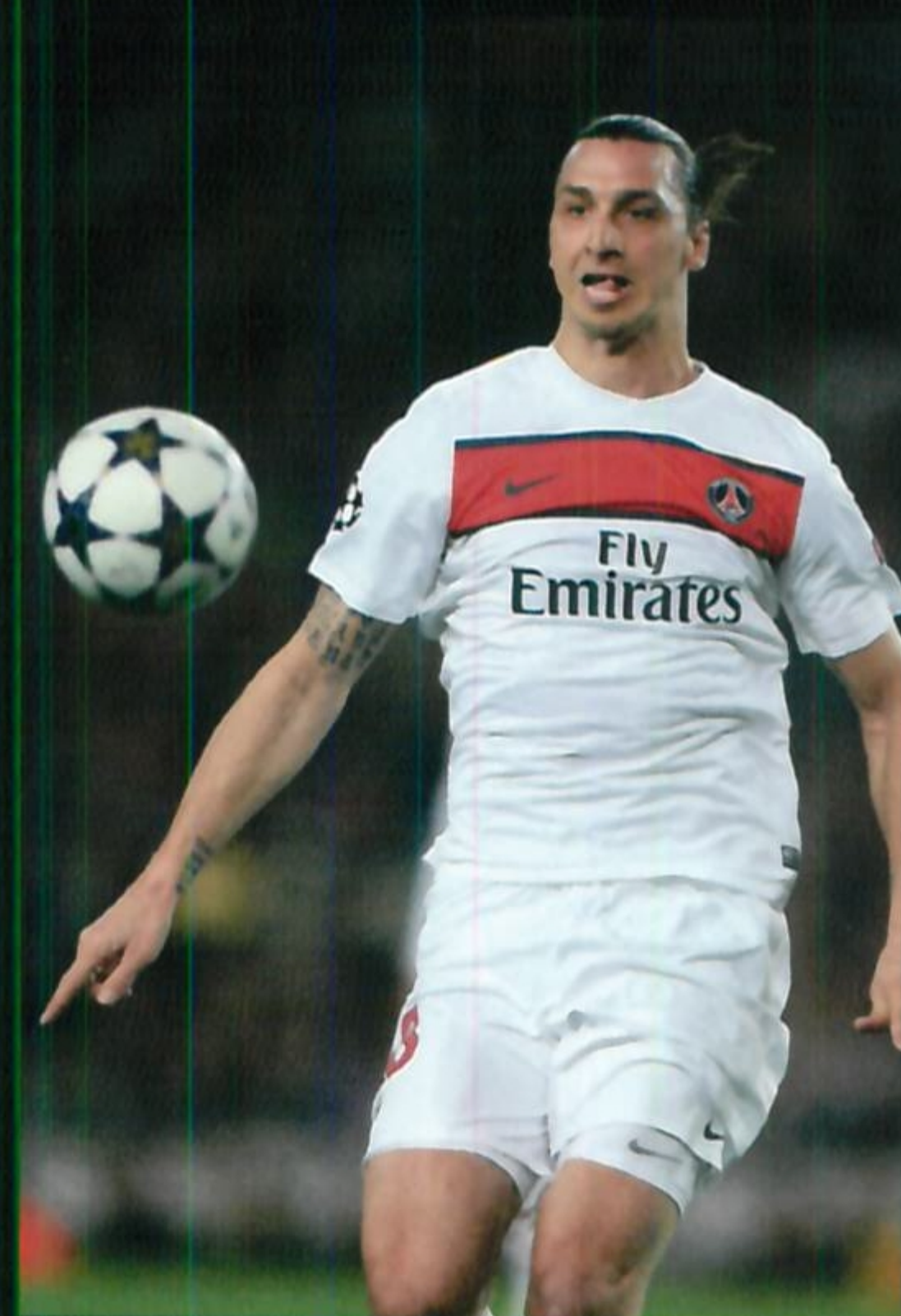
The 28-year-old dispatched a penalty against Elche to make them the 27th side he has recorded a goal against. Prior to that, the Portugal international had notched 150 goals against the other 26 opponents he'd come up against in Spain.

GATTUSO DEPARTS PALERMO

Former AC Milan midfielder Gennaro Gattuso has been sacked as manager of Serie B side Palermo – after just six games in charge.

The 35-year-old, who took charge of the side of the summer, has been replaced by Giuseppe Iachini following just two victories.

Capped 73 times by Italy, Gattuso had been tasked with leading the club back to Serie A. His departure means that Palermo have now changed managers 32 times since 2000.



IBRAHIMOVIC EXTENDS PSG STAY

Striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic has extended his contract with Paris St Germain by a further year, in a deal that now runs until 2016.

The Sweden international, 31, joined the French side just over 12 months ago from AC Milan and finished top scorer in Ligue 1 last season with 30 goals in 34 games.

"I absolutely want PSG to be the last great club of my career. This club is like me - no dream is big enough for us," the former Ajax and Barcelona man said.



PAST PLAYER BRETT ORMEROD

QUESTIONS: JAMIE CLEAVER-SMITH



“... I see Blackpool as my special club as it's where I had the best spells of my career.”

Needing no introduction to Blackpool fans, Brett Ormerod became a club legend in two spells at Bloomfield Road and was the first player to play and score in all four divisions for one team. Now playing for Wrexham, the 36-year-old recently looked back on his career in tangerine with Up The Pool.

Having spent two separate stints at Blackpool, what would you say was your most memorable moment in a tangerine shirt?

I'd have to say the play-off final in 2010 when Blackpool gained promotion to the Premier League for the first time. That whole season was an amazing achievement for a squad who were considered favourites for relegation. It was a very special moment in my career, it was unbelievable.

That game at Wembley was the second time you'd scored in play-off final for Blackpool, what did it mean to be the man to secure Premier League football for the club?

To be honest it didn't really sink in at first. It was nice to score the winning goal but every goal is important. We went behind

twice and the equaliser from Charlie (Adam) was unbelievable and then Fletch (Gary Taylor-Fletcher) scored so they were all as important as each other. It is, however, always nice for me to look back and know I scored the winning goal to get Blackpool into the Premier League, and it's something that I will always be extremely proud of.

In October 1999, you suffered a badly broken leg describing it as "probably the lowest point in my career". How much of a challenge was it to return to full fitness and as an even better footballer?

It was very disappointing as I had started that season very well and I think I was the leading goalscorer at that point. I remember the game, it was away at Wycombe and I suffered a double leg break

which was one of the most painful things I have ever experienced. It was horrible, the manager left at around Christmas time and Steve McMahon came in but we just couldn't recover from the bad start to the season and we ended up being relegated. The whole season for me just seemed to go from bad to worse and it was one of the most depressing times of my career.

You played for both Preston North End and The Seagulls, returning to the latter in January 2009. What was it that made you return to Bloomfield Road?

I had a lot of apprehension when I knew I wasn't going to feature in the new Preston manager's plans. I had received a couple of offers from football clubs but I knew as soon as I had signed, met the lads and started training again I knew I had made the right decision. It was a tough end to the season that year because we were in a relegation battle but we had a great team spirit. That is the one thing Blackpool has always had when I've been there, in both spells, we always had good team spirit.

When Blackpool reached the Premier League you became the first footballer to play and score for the club in all four divisions for The Seagulls. You are seen as an icon by Blackpool fans.

That makes me feel immensely proud. I'm very proud of everything that I achieved at Blackpool in both spells with the club. Everyone has a special club and Blackpool has always been that club for me. I've

enjoyed myself at all the football clubs I have played for but if I was asked to choose a favourite then Blackpool would be the best by a long shot because it's where I had two successful periods. I always got on great with the fans and we achieved things together that will go down in Blackpool football club's history. To be the

first Blackpool player to score in all four divisions, especially when Blackpool have had some fantastic players like Sir Stanley Matthews, Stan Mortensen and Jimmy Armfield, to be part of the history of the club is something I will always be extremely proud of.

Overall, how would you summarise your time at the club?

It was a fantastic time in my career. Both times I have been there I have absolutely enjoyed it. I had four good years there the first time and then three and a half years the second and it always worked out well when I've been at Blackpool. Like I said, I see Blackpool as my special club as it's where I had the best spells of my career. It is a special place for me and it always will be.





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THE BUILD UP

Beaten FA Cup finalists in 1948 and 1951, Blackpool were still searching for their maiden major honour when their FA Cup campaign of 1953 led them all the way to another Wembley final, this time against local rivals Bolton Wanderers.

For 38-year-old talismanic winger Stanley Matthews, who had played in both of the Tangerines previous final defeats, the game represented his final opportunity to cap a legendary career with a victory in the world's oldest cup competition... ▶



THE GAME

► **Cyril Robinson** - When we got in the dressing room at Wembley you couldn't hear a thing, but as soon as we came out for the game all of a sudden you heard the roar of 100,000 people. It gave me shivers. I thought to myself "What have I let myself in for here?"

Stanley Matthews (Speaking in his autobiography) - As I gazed around Wembley with my team-mates, I felt the pressure. For my mind was on the second death-bed promise I had made to my father. As well as promising to look after my mother, I had said to him that I would win the FA Cup for him one day. That was his dream for me, and now I had to make it come true.

Kenneth Wolstenholme (Commentating) - Holden... a lovely touch by Moir... it's come through to Hassall... Lofthouse... IT'S A GOAL!

Stanley Matthews - From the kick-off they were straight onto the attack. Nat (Lofthouse, Bolton striker), hit a low, powerful shot that bounced across the glistening turf. George Farm (Goalkeeper) dived to his right and was down quick enough, but Nat's angled drive shot across his body and through his outstretched hands.

George Farm - I can't make excuses. It seemed I saved up all the mistakes of my goalkeeping career for Wembley.

Stanley Matthews - I looked at Eddie Shimwell. He glanced momentarily up to the

sky and shook his head before turning to us all, clapping his shovel-like hands together and shouting 'Come on! Let's pick ourselves up!'.

Harry Johnston (Blackpool captain) was also clapping his hands together. 'Heads up!' he shouted. 'Get those heads up and let's get at them!'.

Cyril Robinson - Anyway the game goes on, I think it was 2-1 at half-time. So Joe's giving us a rollocking, telling us "Get the ball to Matthews!".

Stanley Matthews - Once Joe had said his piece, Harry Johnston got to work. He told our defence to be more compact and tighter as a unit.

As for Morty (Stan Mortenson, striker), Harry was brief and to the point - 'Get in their box and make a bloody nuisance of yourself'.

Kenneth Wolstenholme - GOAL! Bell! The hero of the Bolton side, Eric Bell. 3-1 for Bolton!

Cyril Robinson - When Bolton scored to make it 3-1 in the second half, that's when you think, "That's it, it's finished". I got it into my mind that, "Oh well, at least we've made the final".





Cyril Robinson



Stanley Matthews - It looked pretty grim. I couldn't believe it. There were less than 35 minutes remaining, but, as I have always maintained, it only takes a second to score a goal. I made a concerted effort to pick up my game and give it a real go.

Cyril Robinson - We started playing a bit better, got it to 3-2. And then with a few minutes to go, Morty gets a free-kick...

Kenneth Wolstenholme - A free-kick for Blackpool, just on the edge of the penalty area. Mortenson to take it... IT'S A LOVELY GOAL! What a final this is!

Stanley Matthews - We threw our arms aloft to offer congratulations to the man who had scored a hat-trick for us in the Cup final and brought up back from the dead.

Cyril Robinson - 3-3. So then, we're on top. I turned to Jackie Mudie and said, 'We're going to win'.

Kenneth Wolstenholme - There's Matthews, the man who's really fighting for his cup medal. Could he score the winning goal here.... oh, IT'S THERE! PERRY!

Cyril Robinson - Ernie Taylor got the ball and played it to Stan [Matthews]. Stan got right up to the touchline, as he always did, and played the ball across for Bill Perry.

Bill Perry - I guessed that Matthews would chip the ball across from the wing. Morty let it go by as he wasn't in a good position and I cracked it home. I nearly wept for joy when I saw the ball in the net.

Stanley Matthews - For a brief moment, I didn't hear a thing. I watched the ball hit the back of the net, looked back at Bill as he raised his arms and was for a split second rendered totally deaf. I couldn't believe it. We had done it.

Kenneth Wolstenholme - And there it is!

Where is Stanley Matthews? At long last he's finally done it!

Cyril Robinson - Matthews did the damage really. He could win you any match, and that's what he did. They call it the Stan Matthews final, even though it was Morty who scored the hat-trick! I always say that Morty won the game and Stan won the game, the rest of us just turned up to watch.

Harry Johnston - It was a tremendous match for Stan Matthews. Every player in the club was delighted to see that medal go to him at last

Nat Lofthouse - The only thing I can say is that Stan Matthews getting that medal at last was a kind of compensation for our losing the cup. If we had to be beaten, thank goodness it took a Matthews to do it.

Stanley Matthews - As I descended the steps of the royal box, I opened the little box I had been presented with. 'You little beauty,' I said to myself.

I took the medal out of the box and looking up to the heavens, held it high. 'There it is, Dad.'

THE AFTERMATH

Joe Smith's Blackpool side remained one of the top teams in the country, and although they never again reached the FA Cup final, they did finish as First Division runners up in 1956.

Stanley Matthews continued terrorise defenders until he finally hung up his boots aged 50, while for Lofthouse and Bolton, they had to wait another five years to finally get their hands on the trophy. On that occasion they defeated Manchester United 2-0 in the final, with Lofthouse scoring both of the Trotters' goals. ■



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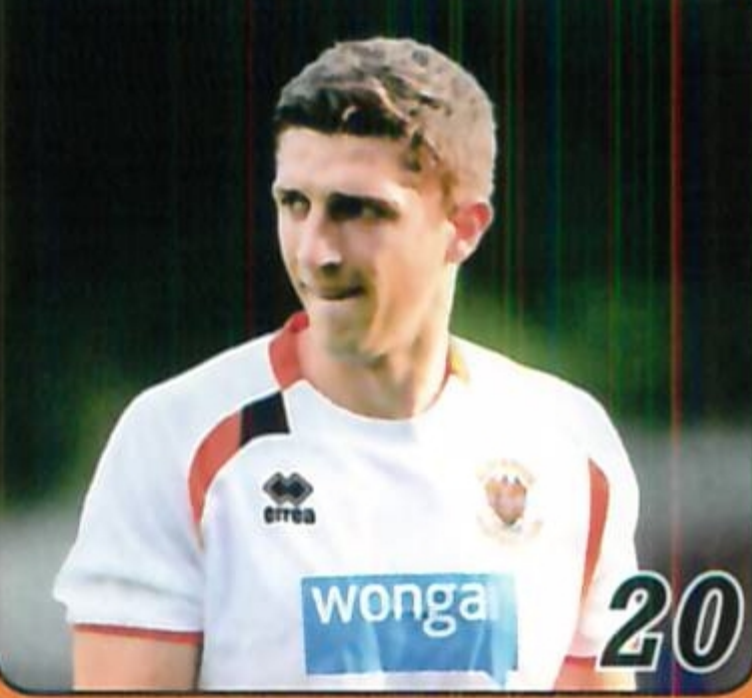


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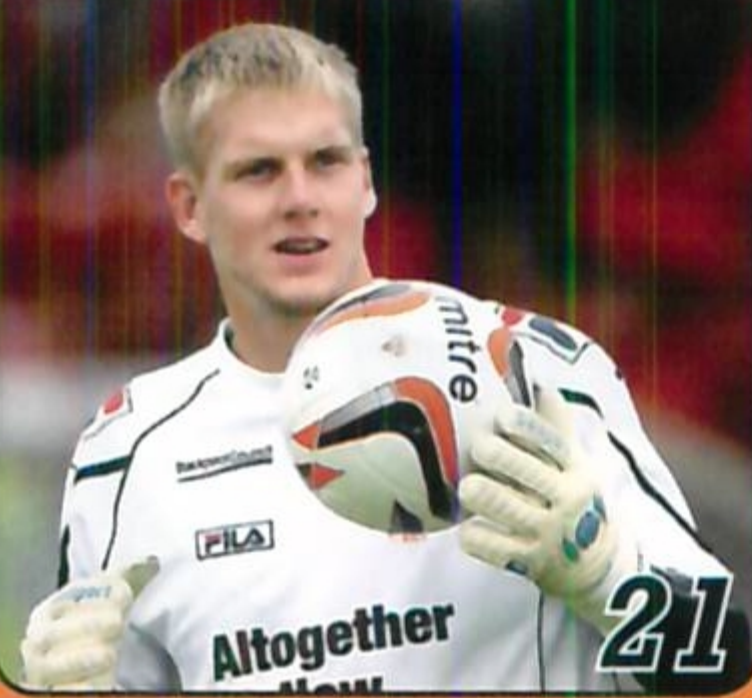


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ARMFIELD MOVES SWIFTLY INTO MANAGEMENT AFTER INCREDIBLE POOL CAREER



Jimmy Armfield ended his long and illustrious career with The Seaside at the end of 1970/71 season with his final game for the club coming at Bloomfield Road in a 1-1 draw with Manchester United.

With his boots firmly hung up in the Blackpool dressing room, Armfield hot-footed it into management, taking over the reins at Bolton Wanderers in August '71.

The former full-back made 627 appearances for Blackpool in his 17 years with the club, including ten years as captain.

Bolton were in the Football League Third Division when Armfield took over, but guided The Trotters to promotion in his second season in charge, before leaving the club in October 1974 to take over the helm at Leeds United.

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Five Hits from '71

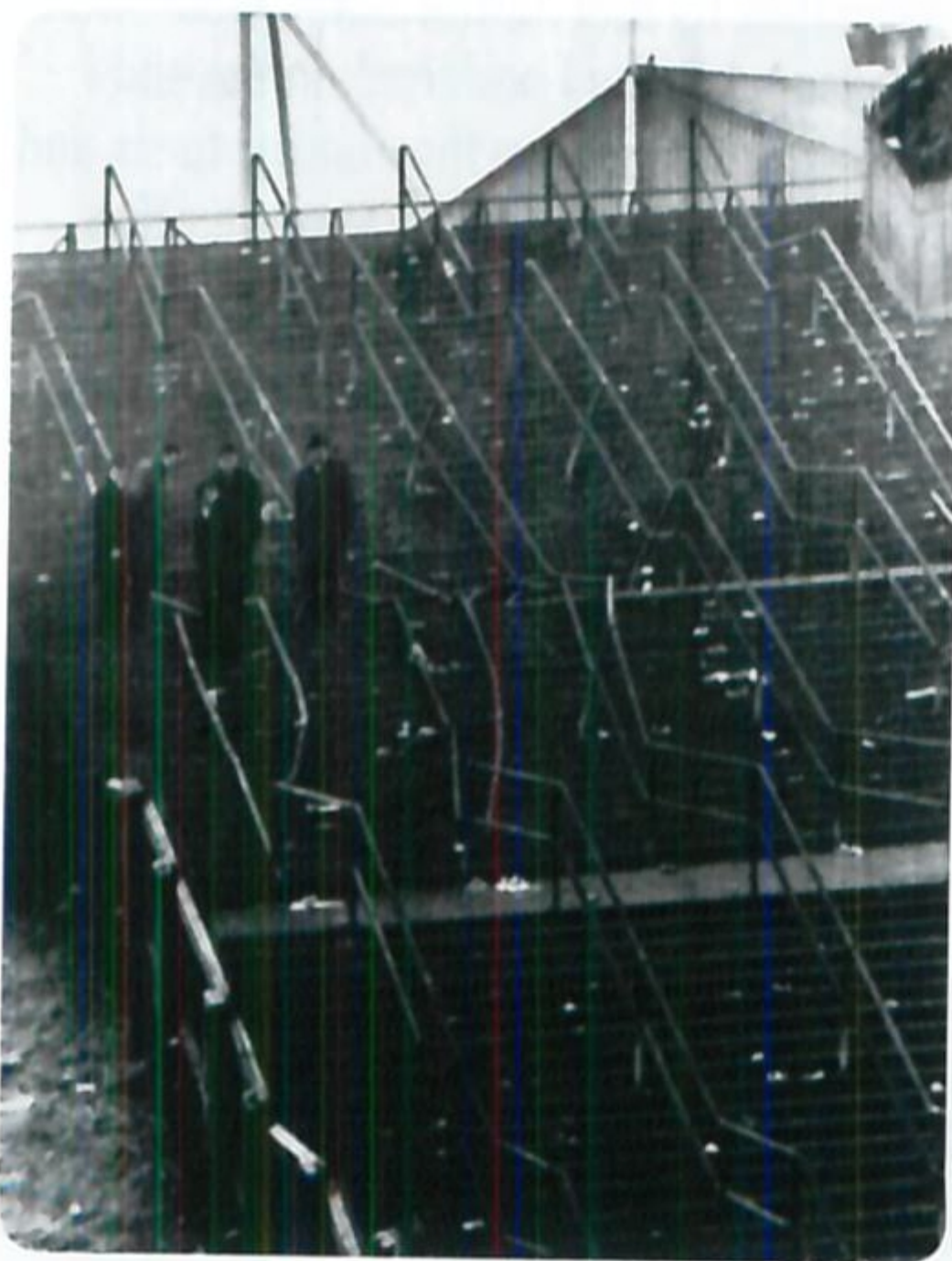
DECIMALISATION

On 15 February 1971, and after 1,200 years, Great Britain abandoned the 12-shilling system for decimalisation.

IBROX DISASTER

On 2 January 66 people died at Ibrox at the end of the Rangers v Celtic match, which was attended by around 80,000 people.

Reports suggest a fan fell down an exit stairway on leaving the ground and one of British football's tragedies ensued.



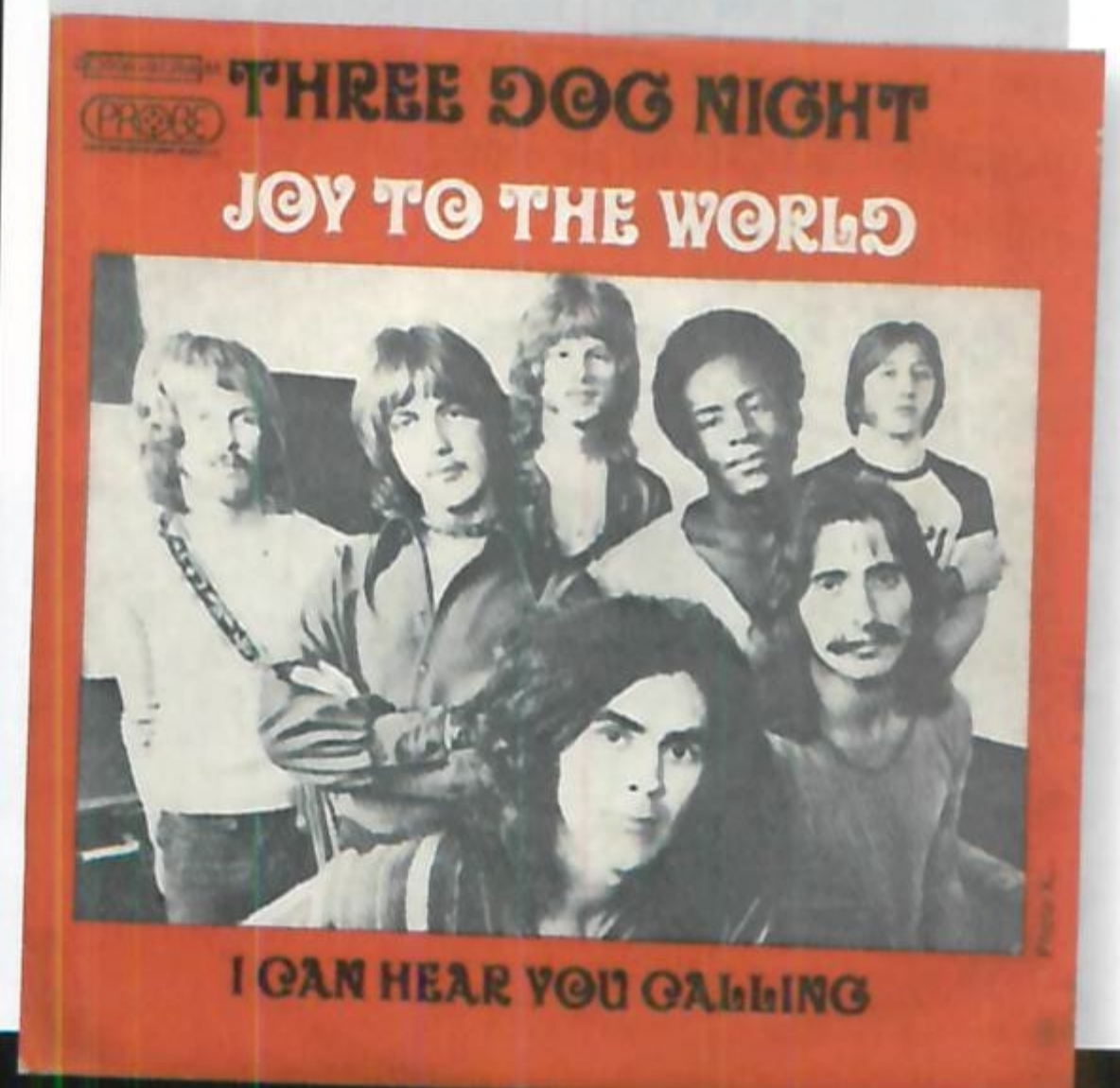
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COMPETITION WINNER HEADS TO ERREA

NEW THIRD KIT OPTIONS DESIGNED



A little over a week ago season-ticket holder Jonathan Westhead flew out to Errea HQ in Parma, Italy to begin the process of designing the 2014/15 Third Kit. Jonathan had won the competition having bought the current home shirt and his reward was to come up with four designs that fellow supporters would vote on, and ultimately decide which of his designs would be selected.

The process began on Monday 23 September when Jonathan boarded the 12.25pm flight from Manchester to Milan en-route to Parma. Along with Head of Retail Richard Wild and Errea UK Representative Graham Fordy he was then collected at the airport and driven the rather scenic 90-minute route south to rural Italy. In what would prove a rather eye-opening few days, Jonathan then set about the envious task of coming up with the potential designs to sit alongside the current home and away shirts.

Before the selection process began, Jonathan was given the guided tour of Errea and it was

explained to him just how you went about constructing a kit from start to finish.

"I honestly didn't realise just how much effort went in," he said afterwards. "It really has been eye opening and I'm so glad I got to see behind the scenes in this way."

After the tour had finished Jonathan, who by this stage had seen a range of kits that have already been made for other clubs around the world, put down his initial thoughts that would then be tweaked and narrowed down that afternoon. While Tabatha (Graphics Department) put these ideas into practise, Jonathan was taken to the local village of Colorno and shown the training complex that has been built by Errea Chairman Mr Gandolfi. The Chairman is a local man who has remained loyal to his roots and his reward to his fellow people has been to build them a site that wouldn't look out of place at a Premier League club. The site, which is used by juniors and adults from the town, is simply stunning and has a mixture of grass and 4g pitches of all shapes and sizes. Add to this an indoor facility and top-notch restaurant and you tend to think the amateur players of Colorno have been spoiled somewhat!

Back to Errea to finalise the designs, Jonathan had taken influence from an old Parma shirt that adorned the walls of the training ground and a Blackpool version complete with tangerine trim was then added to the collection. The plan to unveil four designs for

fans to vote on was then extended to six and at around 4pm the final choices were made.

The following day the trip was concluded with a flight back to Manchester but not before the party from the north of England had expressed their thanks to Errea. "On behalf of everybody at Blackpool FC we cannot thank them enough for allowing this to happen," said Richard Wild. "This has been a once in a lifetime experience for any supporter and we couldn't have done it without Errea's help."

On the task of trying to choose a kit, Jonathan added: "It has been a really difficult decision to ultimately try and narrow down which of the various designs I preferred. In the end I was allowed to increase the number to six and I just hope everybody appreciates the effort that went into deciding them."

"It really was a blank canvass but everybody at Errea was so helpful in first of all designing them and then helping get down to the final choices. I look forward to seeing which of them is ultimately chosen at the third kit for next season."



CLUB SHOP UPDATE

WINTER WARMERS



The onset of autumn means we now have a large selection of hats and scarves available for those looking to keep the elements at bay. We have hats of varying designs and styles and all extremely competitively priced with bronx and beanie (tangerine and black available) hats a bargain £5 this season.

In addition to this we have new tangerine gloves available in adult and youth sizes. Following feedback from customers last season we have reverted back to the woollen type and this year they come with a woven crest on them. They are priced £6 a pair.



TANGERINE COATS

One item of merchandise that we have been constantly asked for over the years has been a tangerine coat. In the past we have been unavailable to source one but this year we wouldn't take 'no' for an answer from our suppliers and I'm delighted to say we now have a complete range available in this colour.

We have reversible jackets, bubble jackets and fleeces all available in both adult and childrens sizes meaning you will still be available to proudly show off your colours in the depths of winter.

We also now have a full range of more traditionally coloured jackets complete, all complete with embroidered club crest. Again these are available across both adult and junior sizes, so if you on the hunt for a new coat then look no further than The Club Shop.

ONESIE UPDATE

The eagerly awaited onesies are due to land at the end of the month. The final sample, now fully approved and colour matched, is on display in The Club Shop and the amount of feedback we have received means it will undoubtedly be extremely popular when it does hit the shelves.

We have therefore decided to put them on pre-order and they will therefore be able to



be ordered from Friday. They are available in four sizes:

CHILD S/M and L/XL

ADULT S/M and L/XL

CALENDAR

After much debate we have finally finished off the 2014 Calendar and sent it to print. We did make several changes at the last minute and it has been rather difficult to predict just which of the playing staff warranted going on the months of September onwards. However there is no going back now and hopefully it will meet your expectations once it is released later this month.





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The Extra Time programme is for the over 55s with sessions taking place every Monday



afternoon at the Seaside Bar at Blackpool Football Club.

The group is needs led and participants have an input on the activities they would like to be available during the sessions. Afternoons can include chair based exercise, dominoes, quizzes, trips, country themed afternoons, or simply coffee and a chat.

Recently the participants have enjoyed themed afternoons. Sessions where new foods are tasted, with fact finding, quizzes and dancing all related to a foreign country.

The group had a wonderful experience during their guided tour of the Winter Gardens, one of Blackpool's heritage sites. Group members were given a behind the scenes tour with a very knowledgeable guide who shared interesting facts and stories and showed the group around exclusive parts of the building that the public don't have access to. Following the guided tour the group were able to enjoy afternoon tea in The Mazzei Cafe.

Everyone was impressed with the wide range of exhibits at the Sea Life Centre on our second visit. The group had the chance to see everything from small shrimps to great white sharks. The shark tunnel was fantastic and arriving during feeding time was a great experience. The marine life that is on display is fantastic and the decor very realistic. A very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

Anybody 55 or over is welcome to attend these sessions. Should you require further information about the group call 01253 348691 or email communitytrust@blackpoolfc.co.uk.



PRIMARY SPORT PROGRAMME

Blackpool FC Community Trust works very closely with local schools to offer a range of opportunities to young people of all ages and genders to improve health, social skills and physical fitness.

As part of **Altogether Now** – a Legacy for Blackpool, the multi-partnership programme between the NHS in Blackpool (Clinical Commissioning Group and Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust), Blackpool Football Club and Blackpool Council, the Trust has launched a primary school sports offer that will consist of two half term blocks, a morning or an afternoon depending on what works best for the school. These will be sports specific PE sessions with a theme and learning outcomes for the children to take away and develop for themselves.

The children will be given the responsibility

of developing each PE session with guidance from a sports coach and class teacher. This will not only improve their technical and physical skills but will also improve their psychological and social skills. The sessions will start with a basic practice and then develop into a skilled practice, improving and challenging the child's ability.

A friendly competitive game all linked into the session topic will follow, letting the children develop these skills in an enjoyable way. The teachers continuously witness the sessions and they can continue to deliver these practices and games on a regular basis coinciding with the Olympic Legacy.

The offer also includes a CPD session for teachers, part theory, part practical, to aid with practice and In addition, the programme provides a breakfast or after school club which gives children the chance to play fun games so they can take part in the physical exercise they need to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Sessions can be with

any year group and look to improve and practice fundamental skills needed which more complex movement capabilities can be developed later.

Blackpool Football Club Community Trust already has St. Kentigerns primary, St. Nicholas C of E, Christ the King, Bispham Endowed, Norbreck, Anchorsholme, Waterloo, Mereside, Devonshire, Revoe, Baines Endowed and Boundary primary school all taking part in the school sports offer and look forward to working with the remainder of schools in Blackpool in the future.

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FUTSAL REPORTS

BLACKPOOL A VS. MORECAMBE A

Blackpool's A team season opener saw a barrage of shots exchanged early, straight from kick off. An unlucky goal was conceded within the first five minutes, as a shot crept in from range. This did not affect moral as a succession of quick goals saw Blackpool take the lead 3-1.

With possession now even, Morecambe fought hard, but left gaps open down the wings, and Blackpool took their opportunities

and scored again. A late first half goal was scored by Morecambe meaning the score line was 5-2 at the whistle.

The second half saw more pressure from the opponents as they scored to tighten the score line. After lots of attacking pressure Blackpool found holes in the opponents defence, chances were created but Blackpool couldn't convert. Morecambe scored again, leaving the tie at 5-4.

Although Morecambe had control for the last three minutes Blackpool defended solidly to see the game out and claim their first victory.

Final score 5-4

Goals scorers:

Ryan Wareing Mitchell 2, Niall valentine 1, Tony Penfold 1, James Hammond 1

BLACKPOOL B VS. CARLISLE B



In the season opener Blackpool played a very structured Carlisle side who applied pressure from the whistle. After struggling getting out of their own half, they defensively were hard to break down. Unluckily a couple of goals were conceded and a few chances weren't taken. A breakaway goal by was scored but that was not enough to see out half time as the score was 6-1

Blackpool started the second half well, maintaining positive moral. The succession of goals conceded saw an impact on Blackpool's enthusiasm. A second half consolation goal was scored towards the final whistle but unfortunately that would not affect the outcome.

Ignoring the score line there were many positives to take from the first ever league game providing a great foundation to build on for the season ahead.

Final score: 12-2

Goal scorers:

Liam Yates 1, Danny cross field 1

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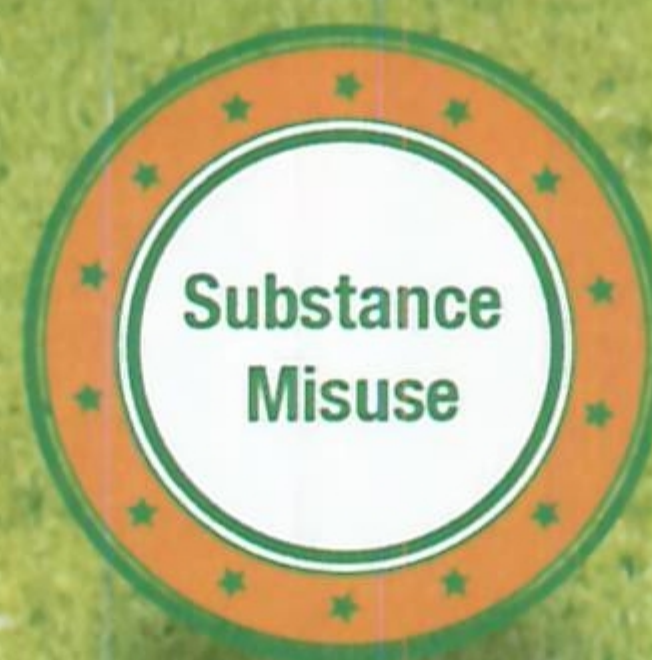


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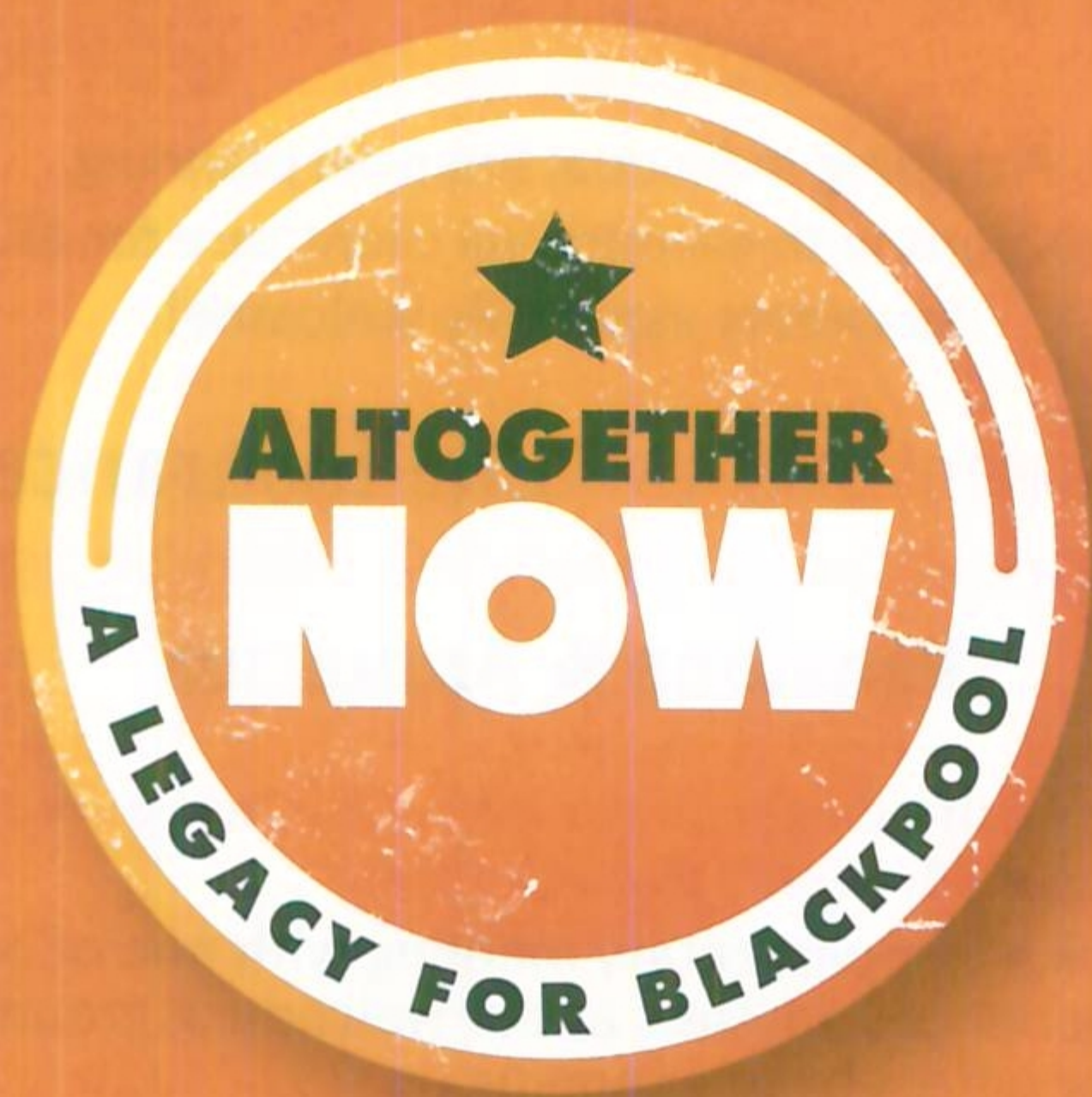


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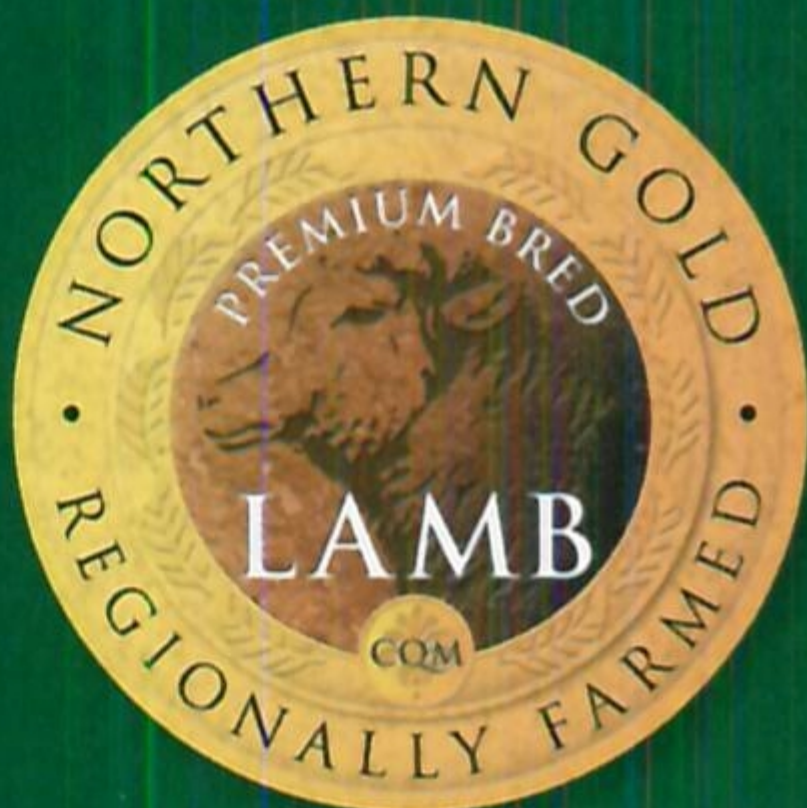
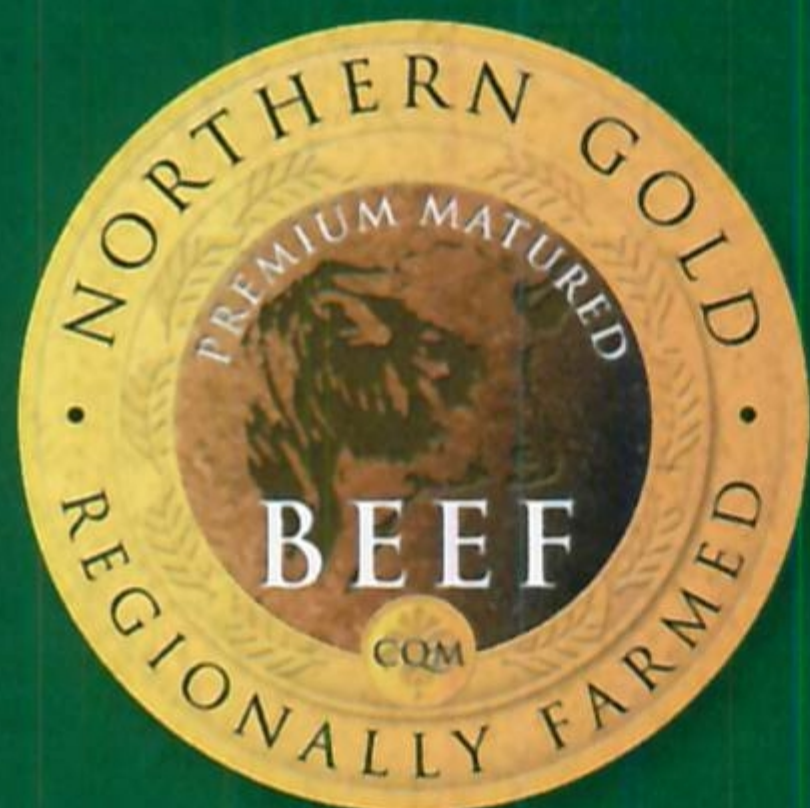
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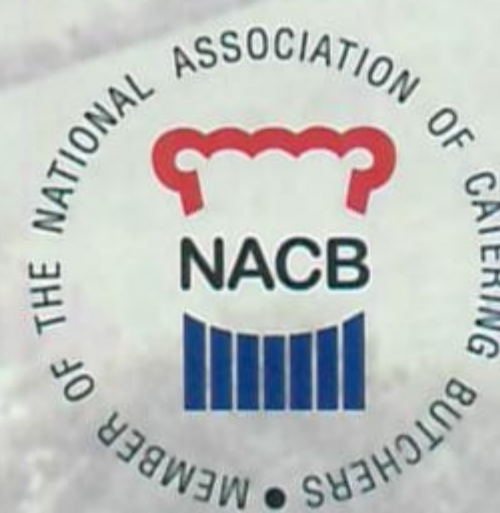
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WELCOME TO BLOOMFIELD ROAD FOR THIS EVENINGS'S SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AGAINST BOLTON WANDERERS.

The last home game against Leicester was very entertaining. It's a shame we couldn't quite maintain a very high level of performance for the full 90 minutes, with 'two minutes of madness' spoiling the day.

After playing against Bolton at the Reebok Stadium on the last day of last season and earning a 2-2 draw which denied Bolton a place in the play-offs, who would have thought that this season they would have been languishing at the bottom end of the Championship table? In fact, both of last season's games were close encounters. This corresponding fixture ended 2-2 as well, with Ince and Delfouneso scoring on that occasion.

They are one of our oldest rivals in football having played them first in a league game 110 years ago. Of course, arguably the best day in the history of Blackpool Football Club involved a match against Bolton on 2 May 1953.

After our impressive start to the season let's hope we can maintain that and heap further misery on The Trotters.

BSA are lending their support to the forthcoming LEGENDS NIGHT that the recently formed Former Players Association are holding here at Bloomfield Road on Friday 18th October. A great night of entertainment and nostalgia is assured so should be a great night in the presence of Blackpool legends and all for only £10 so very affordable to all! The evening's entertainment will include a two course supper, a question and answer session, raffle and auction. Tickets are available now from the Blackpool FC ticket office now. We look forward to seeing you there.

There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes but it is hoped that the new sections of the Hall of Fame will be launched towards the end of October. Watch this space for exact

details and don't worry we haven't forgotten about the Wembley Winners Way project either. Work continues to get that up and running soon as well.

The new BSA badge is still available to buy for a mere £3. These are limited edition badges and each badge has a number stamped on the back, comes attached to a backing card and is housed in a small plastic wallet. BSA committee member John Cross is selling the badges and you can contact John to arrange collection and/or payment at johndcross@talktalk.net or alternatively buy a badge on one of the BSA away trips.

The BSA weekend away trip this season has now been decided upon. It will be when the Seasiders visit Leeds on 12 April. The weekend will consist of two nights (Friday and Saturday) in a hotel in Harrogate and will cost only £100. It's fairly close to home but should still be a good weekend away and will undoubtedly be very popular. There are still a few places left so contact Paul or Nikki Eliffe at paul@poultoninsurancebrokers.co.uk or via the travel phone if you are interested.

Next trip for the BSA travelling faithful is another trip to London for the match against Charlton at the Valley. For this trip we will go straight to the ground as the facilities near the ground are good and are in a very friendly

area. Then unbelievable the next away game is in November. This season's fixtures are very strange. We travel 1,100 miles in four days then go four weeks without any travelling at all. I think the computer program that determine these things must have a fault in it!

Note that the rules for travelling on the BSA trips are that you MUST BOOK on the coaches by calling or texting the BSA travel phone on 07753 405628 or by speaking to a BSA committee member. Payment must be received in advance by 4pm on the Thursday before a Saturday trip and 5pm on the Saturday before a midweek trip. This can be done by filling in one of the BSA booking envelopes and putting it in the box in the club shop or by handing it to a committee member. Note that committee members will be available before most home games to take bookings and payments. If you simply put your money in the box without booking then you will not be guaranteed a place on the trip. Finally only BSA members can travel. If you are not a member then you will to join and your filled out application form as well as your £5 joining fee must be included with your travel payment. Note that NO ALCOHOL in any form is allowed on any of the BSA coaches at any time.

Let's play our part again today to support the players in the famous tangerine shirts.

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CAMERON
SCORES
WINNER FOR
YOUTH TEAM

RICHIE KYLE'S
SIDE BEAT
BURNLEY

WORDS SAM GILLILAND

Henry Cameron scored for the second game running in the North West Youth Alliance to hand the young Seasiders another three points.

The winger lofted the ball over Burnley's goalkeeper in the second-half to move Pool up to seventh in the league, and a fifth clean sheet from six games was also kept.

Dion Charles had missed a penalty for Blackpool before the winner, but Cameron's strike made it two wins from the last two games.

Richie Kyle, the youth team's Head of Coaching, was glad to build on the win at Walsall as the young Tangerines struggled to compete in the first-half.

"It was a tough game, we struggled to match Burnley's passing game in the first-half because we weren't at our best," said Kyle.

"We competed in the second-half and were a lot braver in possession. The lads showed good mentality to come away from it with all three points."

Pool have managed just six goals in six league games so far, but Kyle insists the attacking side of their game will begin to pick up.

"We have been creating chances in all of our games so there isn't much to worry about, things will get better," he said.

"Our theme in training for the week will be attacking. We just need to show more composure in front of goal."

The young Seasiders were also in action over the weekend, facing Accrington Stanley.

BLACKPOOL FC U18 FIXTURES

Home Games to be played at Training Ground, Squires Gate

Saturday 10 August	Blackpool v Shrewsbury	W 1 - 0
Saturday 17 August	Macclesfield Town v Blackpool	D 0 - 0
Saturday 24 August	Tranmere Rovers v Blackpool	D 0 - 0
Tuesday 27th August	Rochdale v Blackpool	L 3 - 1
Saturday 7 September	Walsall v Blackpool	W 3 - 0
Saturday 21 September	Blackpool v Burnley	W 1 - 0
Saturday 28 September	Accrington Stanley	11.00am
Saturday 12 October	Blackpool v Bury	11.00am
Saturday 19 October	Morecambe v Blackpool	11.00am
Saturday 26 October	Blackpool v Carlisle	11.00am
Saturday 2 November	Preston North End v Blackpool	10.30am
Saturday 9 November	Blackpool v Wigan	11.00am
Saturday 16 November	Fleetwood Town v Blackpool	11.00am
Saturday 23rd November	Bury v Blackpool	11.00am
Saturday 14th December	Blackpool v Morecambe	11.00am
Saturday 11th January	Blackpool v Preston North End	11.00am
Saturday 18th January	Carlisle United v Blackpool	11.00am
Saturday 25th January	Wigan Athletic v Blackpool	11.00am
Saturday 1st February	Blackpool v Fleetwood Town	11.00am
Saturday 22nd February	Burnley v Blackpool	11.00am
Saturday 1st March	Blackpool v Accrington Stanley	11.00am
Saturday 15th March	Wrexham v Blackpool	11.00am
Saturday 22nd March	Blackpool v Oldham	11.00am
Saturday 5th April	Rochdale v Blackpool	11.00am
Saturday 12th April	Blackpool v Port Vale	11.00am



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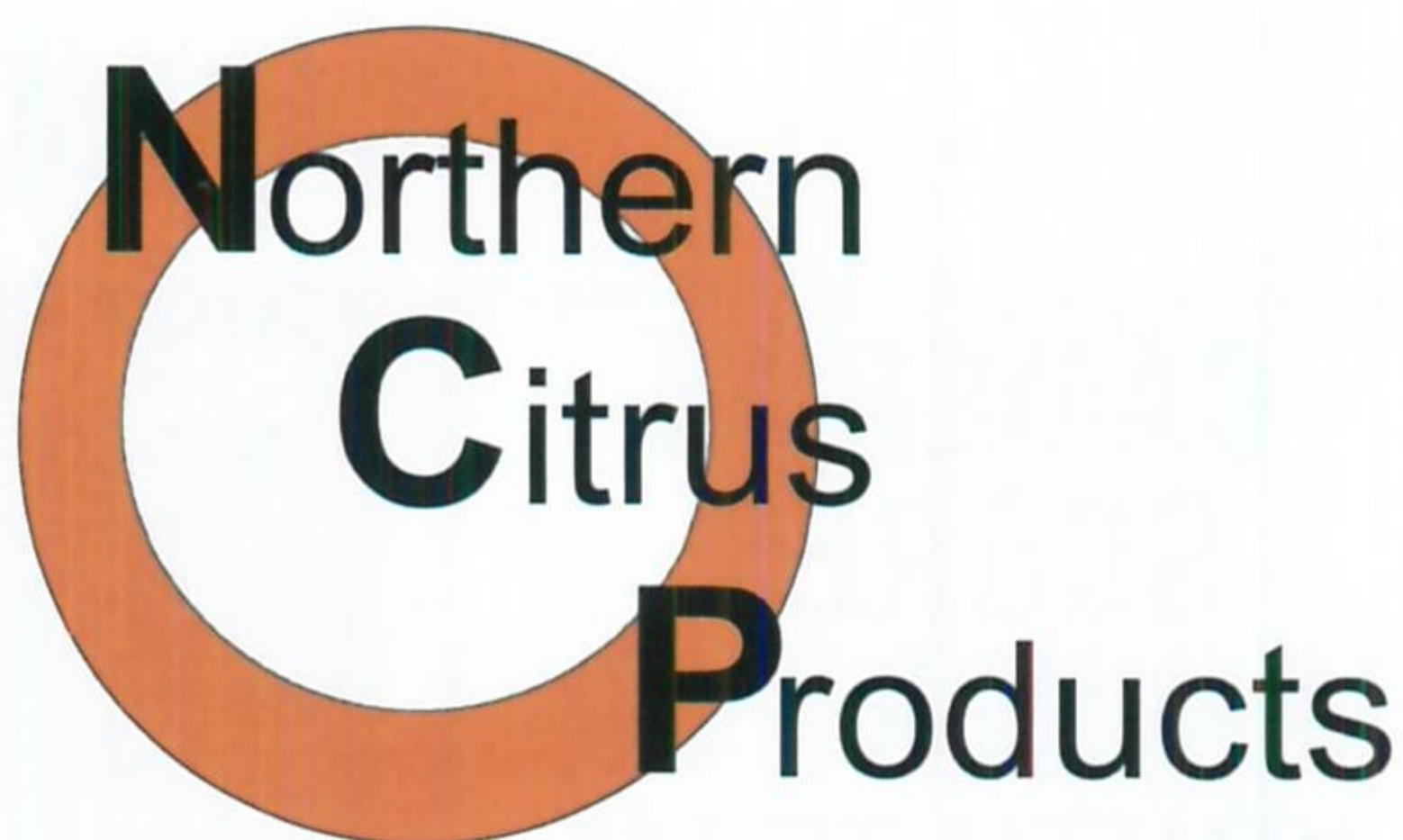
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BLACKPOOL FC GIRLS & LADIES FOOTBALL

GOOD RESULTS FOR GIRLS

The third weekend of the West Lancashire Girls League season was a good one for The Seaside. The under 11s returned to winning ways with a 4-1 away win at Blackburn Community Sports Club. The under 13s maintained their winning start as five different scorers found the net in a 6-0 home victory over Wigan Athletic. Two goals from Lydia Black in 3-0 away victory over Athletico Girls helped the under 14s move into third place behind the Tangerines great rivals Burnley and Preston North End.

BLACKBURN CSC U11S 1 BLACKPOOL FC GIRLS U11S 4

Blackburn worked hard in the first-half restricting Blackpool from scoring and it was Blackburn that took the lead after breaking free with a one-on-one finish against Blackpool's keeper.

HT: Blackburn 1 Blackpool 0

After the break Blackpool made changes to the squad, and it wasn't long before they levelled with a fine finish from Eve Whittaker. Moments later Whittaker grabbed her brace. Not to be outdone, Brady Onions also scored twice to secure all three points for Blackpool. Eve Whittaker was awarded Player of the Match.

ATHLETICO U14S 0 BLACKPOOL FC GIRLS U14S 3

Our girls travelled to Athletico for this weekend's match and introduced new signing Kelsey Pearson in midfield. As the match was underway Blackpool immediately took control of the game and within a matter of minutes the hosts saw a great shot from

Lizzie Bradley firing towards their goal. The keeper did well to block it but spilled the ball into the path of Lydia Black, who simply sent it past the keeper and into the net. Blackpool continued to dominate play with a number of opportunities, including Ella Orr back healing a cheeky pass to Bradley whose shot just went wide of goal.

Pearson passed the ball down the left for Black to pick up and although defended, Black battled and was awarded a corner. Bradley's ball was received in the box and there was a scramble, however Pearson received it and her shot literally skimmed the side of the net. With the ball back in the box, Bradley took another shot but a defender blocked it with an obvious hand ball. Although Blackpool's domination barely allowed Athletico out of their own half, there were occasions when the hosts looked dangerous on the break making some good runs. Adshead received the ball again and ran down the right she made an attempt at goal, only to see the ball go over the top of the bar as the whistle blew for half time. HT: 0:1

When the girls came back on for the second-half, it was Athletico who gained possession and almost immediately took advantage, firing just wide of the net. Blackpool then retained possession and within the box another clear hand ball from Athletico saw the referee immediately award a penalty. Pearson stepped up to take it and the keeper could only watch it pass her into the net. Pool had increased their lead and continued to play some great football. Athletico responded well though and with possession of the ball

one of their players made a great run down the right. The home side's best period of the game resulted in a number of well defended corners, although not threatening keeper Jordyn Ellison. Blackpool responded with some great attacking football, including another great ball from Alex Green down the left towards Kayleigh Monaghan, who used her strength to bypass a defender for a shot which unfortunately hit the side netting. A challenge by North resulted in a free-kick for Athletico but Cardwell's towering header put Pool on the attack again, with Pearson's pass allowing a great turn and shot off Paige Benton going narrowly wide. With the clock running down, Bradley saw Black on the right who made a strong run towards goal and hit a low shot into the bottom corner totally wrong footing the keeper winning her brace and increasing Blackpool's lead further. The visitors cruised the final minutes of the game to record a great win and performance, which should have resulted in more goals had it not been for Athletico's keeper.

Blackpool FC Girls' Development Centre will be starting very soon - this is for girls aged 5-11 to come along have fun, meet new friends and learn new skills. Sessions will take place on a Thursday evening between 6pm-7pm at Play Football, Garstang Road West, Blackpool, FY3 7JH.

All sessions cost £2.00, anyone interested in attending please contact Mac Barlow on 07944621067 or email macbarlow@blackpoolfc.co.uk

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THE SCORE



STEVE THOMPSON

“We’ve done a lot of travelling. The manager, Alex and myself will never makes excuses, but we’ve flown down, had a long journey back from Bournemouth, we’ve come down to London - did it take its toll? Are we asking too much of the same players? We will sit down and have a look at that.”

It’s disappointing to get the defeat, but the positive is that it’s the best start a Blackpool football team has ever made.”

Blackpool’s unbeaten start to the season came to an end as Steve Lomas’ Millwall ran out 3-1 winners at The Den.

Thomas Ince opened the scoring for The Seaside after 15 minutes but a penalty on the stroke of half-time completely changed the complexity of the game.

Second-half goals from Nicky Bailey and Steve Morison ensured it was The Lions who would take the points and in doing so secure their first win of the campaign.

Bob Harris started at left-back in place of the suspended Jack Robinson, although the number 33 is now expected to be out for several months after undergoing a shoulder operation last week.

The Seaside looked comfortable in the first period, especially when they went a goal up after a poor headed clearance was chested down and smashed in by Ince.

Martyn Woolford came closest to equalising, but his header came back off the post and was somehow squirted away to safety by the reactions of Matt Gilks.

Isaiah Osbourne was adjudged to have handled the ball in the area in first-half stoppage time, giving Liam Trotter the chance to make it 1-1.

Paul Ince’s side never looked in too much danger, despite there being a few tired legs on show after all the mileage they had put in with the away game at Bournemouth preceding the trip to Millwall.

But after 73 minutes they found themselves behind for the first time in the league this season when Bailey stole in unmarked from a corner and volleyed the home side in front.

Immediately after Morison gave Millwall a cushion when he latched onto a long punt up field, before finishing with aplomb past Gilks and giving Blackpool a mountain to climb.

No goals followed although Stephen Dobbie did enter the fold to make just his third debut for the club.

When the final whistle blew all that was left for The Seaside was the 245-mile journey home...

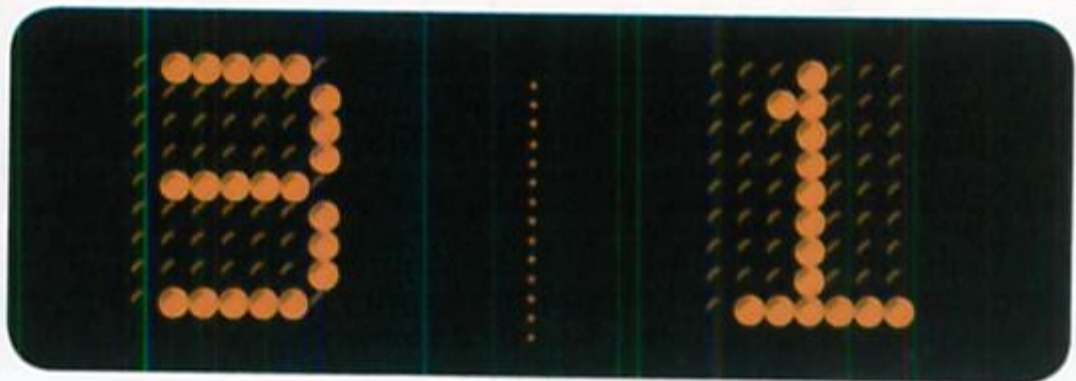
MILLWALL V BLACKPOOL
Tuesday 17 September | The Den | 3pm



STEPHEN DOBBIE

I know the club really well and the fans, so it was an easy decision to come back. I love playing at Bloomfield Road so it was a very simple decision for me.

I now want to help Blackpool get back to where they were a couple of years ago.



(Trotter, Bailey, Morison)



(Ince)

Forde
Dunne
Robinson
Beevers
Malone
Bailey
Trotter
(Chaplow 73)
Abdou
Waghorn
McDonald
(Morison 61)
Woolford
(Martin 82)

Subs not used:
Henry
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Gilks
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MacKenzie
Broadfoot
Harris
Ince
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Martinez
(Dobbie 77)
Osbourne
(Delfouneso 60)
Bishop
Fuller
(Tyson 74)

Subs not used:
Zeegelaar
Orr
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Attendance: 8,415 Referee: Steve Bratt

		
Possession:	60%	40%
Shots on target:	4	3
Shots off target:	2	4
Corners:	5	1
Offsides:	4	2
Fouls:	12	15
Yellow Card:	1	1
Red Card:	0	0

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ANGEL MARTINEZ

@Angel31Martinez

Keep the heads up and keep working!! It will be a long way and we have to learn from the mistakes and go again on Saturday!!



THE SCORE



A late withdrawal from the team sheet, a stunning strike and two penalties - one of which was scored in injury-time - made this encounter between Blackpool and Leicester City an unmissable one.

Having already witnessed plenty of late drama at Bloomfield Road this season, there was always a feeling that a final twist was just around the corner as Blackpool chased an equaliser.

Rocked by the loss of Neal Bishop due to illness prior to kick-off, The Seaside remained resolute and took a deserved lead thanks to a header from the versatile Chris Basham.

But two goals in the space of as many second-half minutes changed the complexion of the game, with Jack Robinson adjudged to have brought down Danny Drinkwater for Konchesky to equalise from the spot. Then, with Blackpool looking to regroup, midfielder Andy King fired in an unstoppable effort on the break.

The renowned Blackpool character came to the fore, however, as Gary MacKenzie was

bundled over by Kasper Schmeichel in the 90th minute for a penalty. What followed was a test of nerves, with Thomas Ince reliving a childhood scenario with Kasper from their days supporting their respective fathers at Manchester United.

Luckily it was Ince who won the battle of wills and ensured that The Seaside got a much deserved point from the fixture.



CHRIS BASHAM

"I can drop the shoulder and I am quite gangly, Ricardo put it in and I was just in the right place at the right time. I jumped early and luckily enough it came off."

"I think that was my sixth position this season in my seventh or eighth game. I think Bish was meant to play there but he fell ill before the game. If I'm playing, scoring and doing well then there's nothing else I can ask for. I am the utility man but I don't mind playing there."

BLACKPOOL V LEICESTER CITY

Saturday 21 September | Bloomfield Road | 3pm

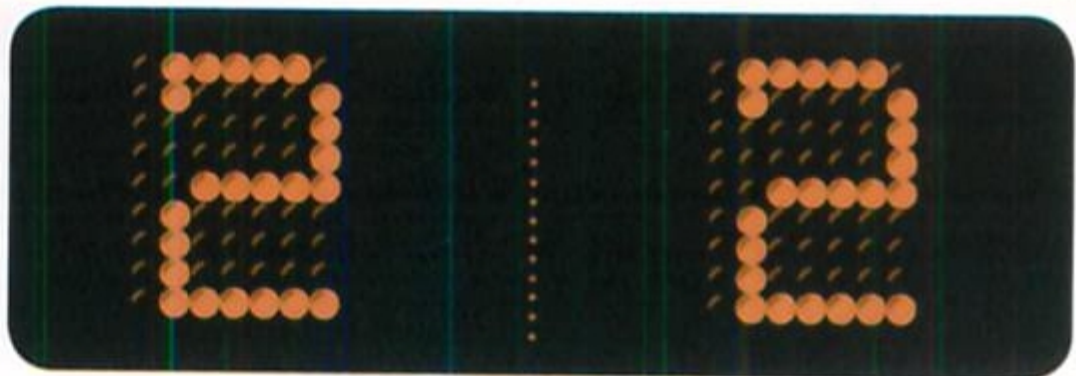
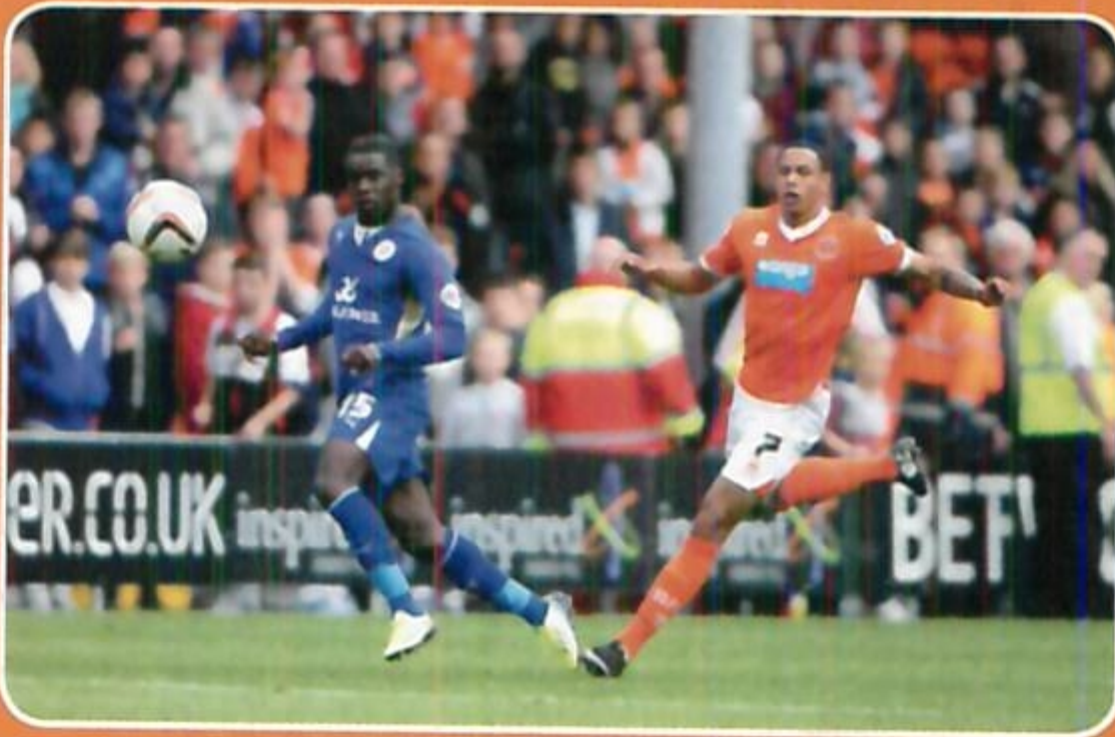
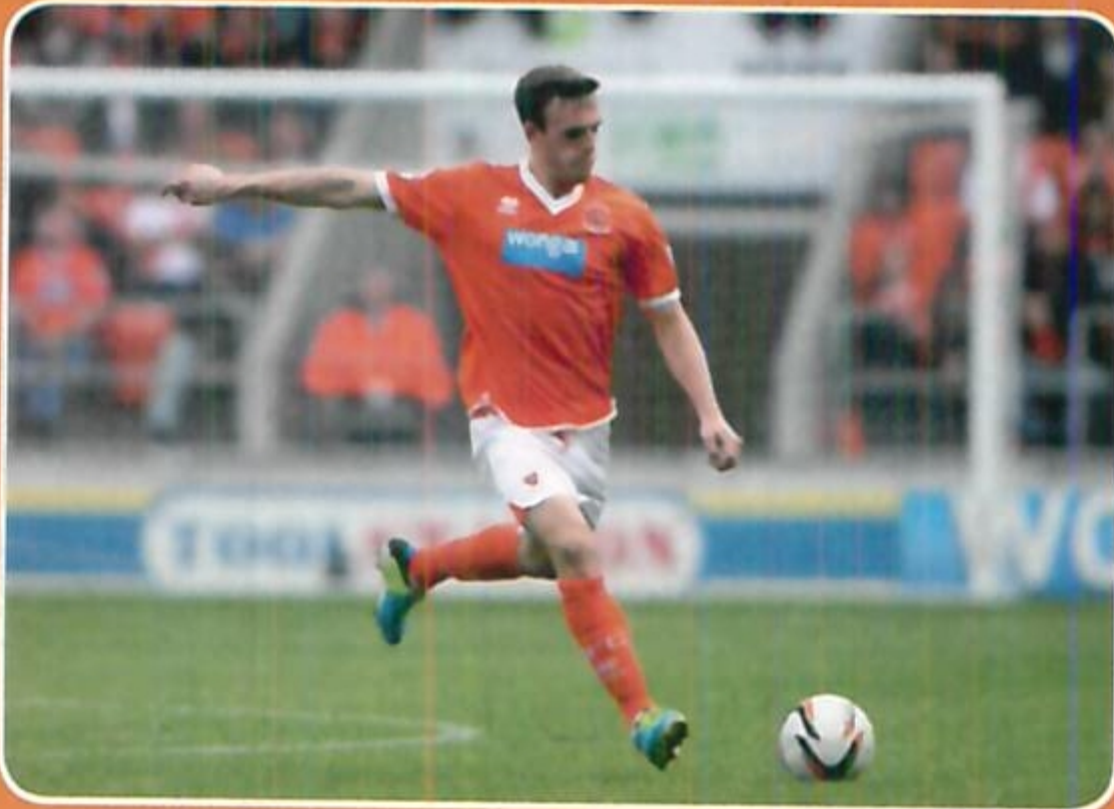


“ **THOMAS INCE**

It was one of those where a lot of things are going through your mind. It's just about hitting the target and being able to do it, and I felt that Kasper had to dive because at that time in the game the keeper isn't going to stand down the middle. I just concentrated on getting good contact on the ball and fortunately for me it went in the back of the net.

I've known Kasper for quite a lot of years now and I had a good chat with him last year when they played here. When I took the penalty he was playing loads of mind games.

We used to play football at Old Trafford in the lounges and we'd kick a ball and he'd be in goal. It was still the same outcome - always a goal.”



(Basham, Ince)



(Konchesky, King)

Gilks
Orr
Robinson
MacKenzie
Broadfoot
Ince
Dobbie
(Angel - 66')
Ferguson
Basham
Osbourne
Tyson - 80
Fuller
(Davies - 63')

Subs not used:
Halstead
Cathcart
Chopra
Barkhuizen

Schmeichel
De Laet
Konchesky
Morgan
Moore
Drinkwater
King
Dyer
(Schlupp - 66')
Knockaert Booked
(James - 84')
Vardy
Nugent
(Taylor-Fletcher - 66')

Subs not used:
Logan
Bakayogo
Miquel
Hammond

Attendance: 15,317 Referee: Scott Duncan

		
Possession:	45%	55%
Shots on target:	2	2
Shots off target:	9	13
Corners:	4	7
Offsides:	6	3
Fouls:	10	13
Yellow Card:	0	1
Red Card:	0	1



2013/14 FIXTURES & RESULTS



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AUGUST	SAT 03AUG 2013	15:00		Doncaster	CHAMP	9,002 (1,244)	W 3 - 1	Gilks	Broadfoot	Cathcart	MacKenzie1	Harris	
	MON 05AUG 2013	19:45		Preston North End	CAP	17,470 (4,587)	L 1 - 0	Gilks	Broadfoot	Cathcart	MacKenzie	Robinson	
	SAT 10AUG 2013	15:00		Barnsley	CHAMP	14,268 (1,784)	W 1 - 0*	Gilks	Broadfoot	Cathcart	MacKenzie	Robinson	
	SAT 17AUG 2013	15:00		Middlesbrough	CHAMP	13,993	D 1 - 1	Gilks	Broadfoot	Cathcart	MacKenzie	Robinson	
	SAT 24AUG 2013	15:00		Reading	CHAMP	12,928	W 1 - 0	Gilks	Basham	Broadfoot	MacKenzie	Robinson	
	SAT 31AUG 2013	15:00		Watford	CHAMP	13,345	W 1 - 0	Gilks	Bishop	Broadfoot	Basham	Robinson	
SEPTEMBER	SAT 14SEP 2013	15:00		AFC Bournemouth	CHAMP	9,446	W 2 - 1	Gilks	Basham	Broadfoot	MacKenzie	Robinson	
	TUE 17SEP 2013	19:45		Millwall	CHAMP	8,415	L 3 - 1	Gilks	Basham	Broadfoot	MacKenzie	Harris	
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	SAT 25JAN 2014	15:00		Doncaster	CHAMP								
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...AND FINALLY

The first game of the season under the Bloomfield Road lights brings together two teams who have had record breaking starts to the campaign - for very different reasons. We know about Pool's outstanding early form but nobody would have predicted the struggle that opponents Bolton have had. Having seen Blackpool deny them a play-off place on the final day of the season, Wanderers were hailed as one of the favourites for promotion. Instead they have had a torrid couple of months but they do have good players, their form and results will turn around. Let's just hope it's not tonight!

This fixture also sees the return of a former

Seaside hero in Alex Baptiste. I was one of the many to say "Alex who?" when Simon Grayson dragged him out of a team relegated from the Football League. But ever since he was thrown into a tangerine debut at Wolves, Baps became at first a regular and then went on to be just about the first name on the team sheet. He was brilliant in the Premier League wherever he was asked to play and he's a top lad too. His frequent visits to the media room always ended with everyone having a right good laugh. Don't show your face at the end if you're smiling pal!

You will no doubt have seen Paul Ince's

name mentioned in connection with the vacancy created by Paolo Di Canio's inevitable sacking at Sunderland. Now it's all very flattering to have your manager's name linked with jobs at a higher level but the scars from this time last season are yet to heal. This club needs stability in the hot seat so let's hope the Italian Director of Football goes for one of his own.

Do your bit!

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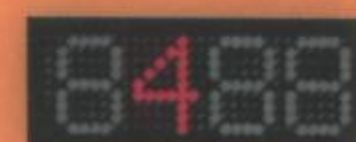
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